**By** Senator Latvala

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| 1  | A bill to be entitled  |
| 2  | An act relating to notices of tax levies;                      |
| 3  | amending s. 200.065, F.S.; revising the notice                 |
| 4  | that must be published by taxing authorities                   |
| 5  | other than school districts if they tentatively                |
| 6  | adopt a millage rate in excess of 100 percent                  |
| 7  | of the rolled-back rate; redesignating the                     |
| 8  | document as a notice of tax levy, rather than a                |
| 9  | notice of proposed tax increase; providing an                  |
| 10 | effective date.  |
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| 12 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:      |
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| 14 | Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section          |
| 15 | 200.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:                 |
| 16 | 200.065 Method of fixing millage                               |
| 17 | (3) The advertisement shall be no less than                    |
| 18 | one-quarter page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size  |
| 19 | newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement shall be in a |
| 20 | type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be  |
| 21 | placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices    |
| 22 | and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall  |
| 23 | be published in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the |
| 24 | county or in a geographically limited insert of such           |
| 25 | newspaper. The geographic boundaries in which such insert is   |
| 26 | circulated shall include the geographic boundaries of the      |
| 27 | taxing authority. It is the legislative intent that, whenever  |
| 28 | possible, the advertisement appear in a newspaper that is      |
| 29 | published at least 5 days a week unless the only newspaper in  |
| 30 | the county is published less than 5 days a week, or that the   |
| 31 | advertisement appear in a geographically limited insert of     |
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1 such newspaper which insert is published throughout the taxing 2 authority's jurisdiction at least twice each week. It is 3 further the legislative intent that the newspaper selected be one of general interest and readership in the community and 4 5 not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. (a) For taxing authorities other than school districts 6 7 which have tentatively adopted a millage rate in excess of 100 percent of the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to 8 9 subsection (1), the advertisement shall be in the following 10 form: 11 12 NOTICE OF <del>PROPOSED</del> TAX LEVY <del>INCREASE</del> 13 The ... (name of the taxing authority)... has 14 tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax 15 levy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, ... (year).... 16 17 Your actual taxes are determined by applying the ...(name of taxing authority)... adopted millage against the 18 19 taxable value of your property. 20 The ... (name of taxing authority)... millage last year was: ... (taxing authority's adopted millage for previous 21 22 year).... The ... (name of taxing authority)... millage for this 23 24 year is proposed to be: ...(taxing authority's proposed 25 millage).... The proposed millage is ... (increased/decreased)... by 26 27 ...%. 28 The ... (name of taxing authority)... collected ad 29 valorem tax revenues last year of \$ .... 30 The ... (name of taxing authority)... proposes to 31 collect ad valorem tax revenues this year of \$ .... 2

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The proposed ad valorem tax revenues are an 1 2 ..(increase/decrease)... of ...%. 3 4 Last year's property tax levy: 5 A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX б B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board 7 and other assessment changes.....(\$XX,XXX,XXX) 8 C. Actual property tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX 9 This year's proposed tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX 10 All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax rate increase to be held on ...(date and 11 12 time)... at ... (meeting place).... 13 A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax rate increase and 14 the budget will be made at this hearing. Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999. 15 16 17 18 SENATE SUMMARY Amends the notice that must be published by a taxing authority other than a school district which has tentatively adopted a millage rate in excess of 100 percent of the rolled-back rate. Redesignates the notice of proposed tax increase as a notice of tax levy and amends the format of the notice accordingly. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 3

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