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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

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  
4 one of general interest and readership in the community and  
5 not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50.

6 (a) For taxing authorities other than school districts  
7 which have tentatively adopted a millage rate in excess of 100  
8 percent of the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to  
9 subsection (1), the advertisement shall be in the following  
10 form:

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12 NOTICE OF ~~PROPOSED~~ TAX LEVY INCREASE

13  
14 The ...(name of the taxing authority)... has  
15 tentatively adopted a ~~measure to increase its property tax~~  
16 levy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, ...(year)....

17 Your actual taxes are determined by applying the  
18 ...(name of taxing authority)... adopted millage against the  
19 taxable value of your property.

20 The ...(name of taxing authority)... millage last year  
21 was: ...(taxing authority's adopted millage for previous  
22 year)....

23 The ...(name of taxing authority)... millage for this  
24 year is proposed to be: ...(taxing authority's proposed  
25 millage)....

26 The proposed millage is ...(increased/decreased)... by  
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 \$ ....

