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Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution, relating to bonds for state conservation, recreation, and restoration programs and for postsecondary education infrastructure construction.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the creation of the following Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 19. Bonds for state conservation, recreation, and restoration programs and for postsecondary education infrastructure construction.--

(a) Beginning in the year 2001, bonds pledging all or part of the dedicated revenue of a state tax or the full faith and credit of the state, or both, may be issued by the state without a vote of the electors in a manner provided by general law to finance or refinance:

(1) The acquisition of land, water areas, and related interests and resources, in urban and rural settings, for the purposes of conservation, recreation, environmental restoration, water resource development, or historical preservation.

1 (2) The acquisition of lands and related interests;
2 the construction, acquisition, reconstruction, or renovation
3 of educational facilities; and the development of
4 telecommunications infrastructure, for the postsecondary
5 education system of this state.

6 (3) Capital improvements for the lands and water areas
7 that accomplish environmental restoration, enhance public
8 access and recreational enjoyment, promote long-term
9 management goals, and facilitate water resource development.

10 (b) Revenue bonds issued under this section shall
11 first be authorized by the Legislature by an act relating to
12 appropriations or by general law.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
14 placed on the ballot:

15 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

16 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19

17 BONDING AUTHORITY FOR CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND
18 RESTORATION PROGRAMS AND POSTSECONDARY
19 INFRASTRUCTURE.--Proposing the creation of Section 19 of
20 Article VII of the State Constitution to authorize issuance of
21 bonds pledging a dedicated state tax revenue or the full faith
22 and credit of the state without a vote of the electors to
23 acquire land, water, and related interests and resources for
24 conservation, recreation, restoration, resource development,
25 historical preservation, and postsecondary education system
26 construction, and for related capital improvements.