

By Representative Crow

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
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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 \$

1 The proposed ad valorem tax revenues are an
2 ...(increase/decrease)... of ...%.
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4 ~~Last year's property tax levy:~~
5 A. ~~Initially proposed tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX~~
6 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
11 hearing on the tax rate increase to be held on ...(date and
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.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Amends the notice that must be published by a taxing
20 authority other than a school district which has
21 tentatively adopted a millage rate in excess of 100
22 percent of the rolled-back rate. Redesignates the notice
23 of proposed tax increase as a notice of tax levy and
24 amends the format of the notice accordingly.

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