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House Joint Resolution

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 Section 19 of Article VII of the  
State Constitution as set forth below is agreed to and shall  
be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or  
rejection at the general election to be held in November 1998:

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.

(2) The acquisition of lands and related interests;  
the construction, acquisition, reconstruction, or renovation

1 of educational facilities; and the development of  
2 telecommunications infrastructure, for the postsecondary  
3 education system of this state.

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

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

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the  
12 requirements of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, the  
13 substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on the  
14 ballot as follows:

15 ARTICLE VII

16 FINANCE AND TAXATION

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

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