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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, or at a special election to be held in September 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.

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, or facilitate water resource development.

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

13          (4) Net proceeds from bonds issued pursuant to this  
14 section shall be distributed in the following manner:  
15 Sixty-six and two-thirds percent to the purposes described in  
16 (a)(1) and (a)(3); and Thirty-three and one-third percent to  
17 the purposes described in (a)(2).

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the  
19 requirements of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, the  
20 substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on the  
21 ballot as follows:

22                                   ARTICLE VII

23   FINANCE AND TAXATION

24           Proposing the creation of Section 19 of Article VII of  
25 the State Constitution to authorize issuance of bonds pledging  
26 a dedicated state tax revenue or the full faith and credit of  
27 the state without a vote of the electors to acquire land,  
28 water, and related interests and resources for conservation,  
29 recreation, restoration, resource development, historical  
30 preservation, and postsecondary education system construction,  
31 and for related capital improvements.