1	House Joint Resolution
2	A joint resolution proposing the creation of
3	Section 19 of Article X of the State
4	Constitution relating to limiting interest on
5	consumer loans or credit sales.
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7	Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9	That the creation of Section 19 of Article X set forth
10	below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of
11	Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to
12	be held in November 2000:
13	ARTICLE X
14	MISCELLANEOUS
15	Section 19. Consumer credit
16	(a) Any consumer loan or credit sale contract which
17	has a rate of interest greater than 31 percent per annum
18	simple interest is void as to principal and interest.
19	(b) As used in this section, the term "consumer loan
20	or credit sale" means credit of no more than \$500,000 that is
21	extended to a natural person in which the money, property, or
22	service which is the subject of the transaction is primarily
23	for personal, family, or household purposes.
24	(c) The provisions of this section shall not be
25	construed to repeal, modify, or limit provisions of federal
26	law creating exceptions to the general law governing interest
27	and usury and specifying the interest rates and charges which
28	may be made pursuant to such exceptions.
29	(d) The provisions of this section are not intended
30	and shall not be deemed to supersede or otherwise invalidate
31	any provisions of a commitment to insure by the Federal

Housing Administration; a commitment to guarantee by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or a commitment to purchase a loan issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association, Governmental National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, any department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, or any successor of such corporation, association, department, agency, or instrumentality, pursuant to any provision of the acts of Congress or federal regulations.

- (e) The provisions of this section supersede and repeal all provisions of the laws of this state which set a maximum rate of interest chargeable in this state in excess of the limit established by this section or which are otherwise inconsistent with this section.
- (f) This section applies only to loans or advances of credit made after the effective date of this section. All laws in existence before the effective date of this section shall remain in full force and effect as to loans and advances of credit made before the effective date of this section.

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

## CONSUMER CREDIT

Proposes limiting to 31 percent per annum simple interest the amount of interest chargeable on consumer loans or credit sales.