

By Senator Childers

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Senate Joint Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to  
Section 9 of Article VII of the State  
Constitution relating to ad valorem taxation  
for water management purposes.

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

That the following amendment to Section 9 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 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2001:

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 9. Local taxes.--

(a) Counties, school districts, and municipalities  
shall, and special districts may, be authorized by law to levy  
ad valorem taxes and may be authorized by general law to levy  
other taxes, for their respective purposes, except ad valorem  
taxes on intangible personal property and taxes prohibited by  
this constitution.

(b) Ad valorem taxes, exclusive of taxes levied for  
the payment of bonds and taxes levied for periods not longer  
than two years when authorized by vote of the electors who are  
the owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from  
taxation, shall not be levied in excess of the following  
millages upon the assessed value of real estate and tangible  
personal property: for all county purposes, ten mills; for all  
municipal purposes, ten mills; for all school purposes, ten

1 ~~mills; for water management purposes for the northwest portion~~  
2 ~~of the state lying west of the line between ranges two and~~  
3 ~~three east, 0.05 mill; for water management purposes for the~~  
4 ~~remaining portions of the state, 1.0 mill; and for all other~~  
5 special districts a millage authorized by law approved by vote  
6 of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly  
7 exempt from taxation. A county furnishing municipal services  
8 may, to the extent authorized by law, levy additional taxes  
9 within the limits fixed for municipal purposes.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
11 placed on the ballot:

12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

13 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9

14 AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE FOR WATER MANAGEMENT

15 PURPOSES.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution,  
16 effective January 1, 2001, to remove the ad valorem tax limit  
17 of 0.05 mill for water management purposes that applies only  
18 to the northwest portion of the state and thereby allow the  
19 1-mill limit that applies to the rest of the state to also  
20 apply to this area.

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