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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VII and the creation of Section 26 of Article XII 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 amendment to Section 9 of Article VII and the creation of Section 26 of Article XII of the State Constitution set forth below are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2000:

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 ARTICLE XII

11 SCHEDULE

12 SECTION 26. Ad valorem tax for water management.--The
13 amendment to Section 9 of Article VII, relating to ad valorem
14 taxation for water management purposes, if adopted at the
15 general election in November 2000, shall take effect January
16 1, 2001.

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

21 AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE

22 FOR WATER MANAGEMENT PURPOSES

23 Effective January 1, 2001, removes the ad valorem tax
24 limit of 0.05 mill for water management purposes that applies
25 only to the northwest portion of the state and provides that
26 the ad valorem tax limit of 1.0 mill, which applies to the
27 remaining portions of the state, would apply to this area
28 also.