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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the repeal of Section 19 of Article X of the State Constitution, which section requires the development and operation of a high speed ground transportation system.

WHEREAS, in adding Section 19 to Article X of the State Constitution, the electors demonstrated their concerns with traffic congestion and their intent that this state adopt the goal of reducing congestion, and

WHEREAS, traffic delays are of concern statewide, but actual transportation problems are local in scope, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that reducing time spent on the road is a critical element in improving the quality of life for Floridians and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further recognizes that solutions to individual problems are best addressed at the local level and with the goal of attaining long-term solutions, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that these solutions, as well as their funding, more appropriately should be addressed by local jurisdictions and leaders without burdening the state with responsibility for the extensive costs of a high speed ground transportation system that fails to adequately address Florida's real transportation needs, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the repeal of Section 19 of Article X of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors



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31 of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to
32 be held in November 2004, or at an earlier special election
33 specifically authorized by law for that purpose.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title and substance of the
35 amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

36 REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR A HIGH SPEED GROUND TRANSPORTATION
37 SYSTEM FROM THE STATE CONSTITUTION

38 Proposes the repeal of Section 19 of Article X of the State
39 Constitution to eliminate the constitutional requirement that
40 the state provide for the development and operation of a high
41 speed ground transportation system.