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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to charter county ad valorem tax revenues; amending s. 200.071, F.S.; specifying that certain charter counties are not prohibited from limiting, by referendum, the amount of revenue raised from ad valorem taxes under certain circumstances; excluding certain ad valorem tax revenues; providing limitations; requiring such counties to adopt a resolution identifying certain programs and associated required revenues for certain purposes; providing for construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 200.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

 200.071 Limitation of millage; counties .--

 (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, no ad valorem tax millage shall be levied against real property and tangible personal property by counties in excess of 10 mills, except for voted levies.

(b) Charter counties exercising all powers of local self-government are not prohibited from limiting, by referendum, the amount of revenue that can be raised from ad valorem taxes, if the electors are authorized to approve any levy not exceeding the established limit and there is a means which provides funding in the event of a disaster or emergency. However, excluded from this provision are the ad valorem tax revenues



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necessary to fund state-mandated unfunded requirements and fixed capital outlay required by federal court order. In order to exclude such additional mandates, any charter county which has limited by referendum the amount of revenue that can be raised by ad valorem taxes shall adopt a resolution identifying each program and associated revenue required for funding.

Section 2. If any law amended by this act was also amended by a law enacted at the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if they had been enacted at the same session of the Legislature, and full effect shall be given to each if possible.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.