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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VII of the State Constitution, relating to ad valorem taxes for water management purposes, to standardize the maximum millage rate for the entire state.

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 set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2004:

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 mills; for water management purposes ~~for the northwest portion of the state lying~~

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31 ~~west of the line between ranges two and three east, 0.05 mill;~~
 32 ~~for water management purposes for the remaining portions of the~~
 33 ~~state, 1.0 mill; and for all other special districts a millage~~
 34 ~~authorized by law approved by vote of the electors who are~~
 35 ~~owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation. A~~
 36 ~~county furnishing municipal services may, to the extent~~
 37 ~~authorized by law, levy additional taxes within the limits fixed~~
 38 ~~for municipal purposes.~~

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

41 LOCAL TAXES

42 Proposes an amendment to Section 9 of Article VII of the
 43 State Constitution to provide a uniform maximum millage rate for
 44 water management purposes for the entire state by removing a
 45 maximum 0.05 mill limitation on the millage rate for the
 46 Northwest Florida Water Management District.