

By Senator Lawson

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1 Senate Joint Resolution No. ____
2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to
3 Section 9 of Article VII of the State
4 Constitution, relating to ad valorem taxes for
5 water management purposes, to standardize the
6 maximum millage rate for the entire state.

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

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10 That the following amendment to Section 9 of Article
11 VII of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be
12 submitted to the electors of this state for approval or
13 rejection at the next general election or at an earlier
14 special election specifically authorized by law for that
15 purpose:

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17 ARTICLE VII
18 FINANCE AND TAXATION

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20 SECTION 9. Local taxes.--

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

27 (b) Ad valorem taxes, exclusive of taxes levied for
28 the payment of bonds and taxes levied for periods not longer
29 than two years when authorized by vote of the electors who are
30 the owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from
31 taxation, shall not be levied in excess of the following

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
14 placed on the ballot:

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16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

17 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9

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19 LOCAL TAXES.--Proposing an amendment to the State
20 Constitution with regard to ad valorem taxes for water
21 management purposes which provides a uniform maximum millage
22 rate for the entire state by increasing the millage rate from
23 0.05 mill to 1 mill for the northwest portion of the state
24 lying west of the line between ranges two and three east.