

By the Committee on Natural Resources; and 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

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:

15 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

16 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9

17 LOCAL TAXES.--Proposing an amendment to the State  
18 Constitution to remove an exception to the statewide millage  
19 rate cap on ad valorem taxes assessed for water management  
20 purposes.

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22 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Joint Resolution 488

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25 The committee substitute clarifies the ballot language for the  
26 constitutional amendment to state that the amendment removes  
27 an exception to the statewide millage rate cap on ad valorem  
28 taxes assessed for water management purposes.  
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