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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution to require that the use of public funds in aid of any professional sports team, or to pay for a facility used or intended to be used by a professional sports team or for a professional sporting event, be approved by a vote of the electors of the state or by the electors of the affected county, school district, municipality, or special district and to provide an exception for such payments authorized before a specified date.

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

That the creation of Section 19 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 2006 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 19. Voter approval required for use of public funds in support of professional sports.--No revenue of the state or any county, school district, municipality, special district, or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any professional sports team, or to pay for any facility used or intended to be used by any professional sports team or for any professional

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30 sporting event, unless approved by a vote of the electors of the
 31 state or by the electors of the affected county, school
 32 district, municipality, or special district. However, this
 33 section does not prohibit the payment of funds for such purposes
 34 if such payment was authorized before February 1, 2005.

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

37 REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL TO USE PUBLIC FUNDS

38 IN SUPPORT OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

39 Proposes the creation of Section 19 of Article VII of the
 40 State Constitution to prohibit the use of public funds to aid,
 41 directly or indirectly, any professional sports team, or to pay
 42 for any facility used or intended to be used by any professional
 43 sports team or for any professional sporting event, unless
 44 approved by a vote of the electors of the state or by the
 45 electors of the affected county, school district, municipality,
 46 or special district, and to exempt any such payment of funds
 47 which was authorized before February 1, 2005.