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Senator Atwater moved the following **amendment to amendment**
(270608):

Senate Amendment

On page 3, line 25, through
page 4, line 26, delete those lines

and insert: TWO-THIRDS VOTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
INCREASING STATE TAX OR FEE OR IMPOSING SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL
IMPACT.--Proposing amendments to the State Constitution
requiring that a proposed amendment to or revision of the
State Constitution which increases an existing state tax or
fee must be approved by at least two-thirds of those voters
voting in the election in which the amendment of revision is
considered. For the purposes of this amendment, "existing
state tax or fee" means any tax or fee that produces revenue
subject to lump-sum or other appropriation by the Legislature,
either for the state general revenue fund or any trust fund,
if that tax or fee is in effect at the time of the election
when the proposed amendment or revision is considered. The
amendment also requires that a proposed amendment to or

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1 revision of the State Constitution which imposes a significant
2 financial impact on state government must be approved by at
3 least two-thirds of those voters voting in the election in
4 which the amendment or revision is considered. For the
5 purposes of this amendment, a "significant financial impact"
6 means a financial impact to the state, including requiring the
7 Legislature to increase taxes in order to maintain the state
8 budget at existing revenues and expenditures, in any state
9 fiscal year prior to and including the first state fiscal year
10 of full implementation in an amount greater than two-tenths of
11 1 percent of the portion of the state budget appropriated from
12 the General Revenue Fund, as established in the General
13 Appropriations Act approved by the Governor, for the state
14 fiscal year ending in the year prior to the election in which
15 such proposed amendment or revision is considered. Currently,
16 any such proposal must be approved by only a simple majority
17 of those voting on the proposal unless it imposes a new state
18 tax or fee, in which case it must be approved by at least
19 two-thirds of those voters voting in the election in which it
20 is considered, as required by a constitutional amendment
21 adopted by Florida voters in 1996. This amendment also makes
22 conforming changes in this section of the State Constitution
23 and repeals obsolete provisions relating to items on the
24 November 8, 1994, ballot.

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