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<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

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Representative(s) Simmons offered the following:

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Ballot Statement Amendment

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Remove lines 76-94 and insert:

TWO-THIRDS VOTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS INCREASING

OR IMPOSING TAXES, FEES, OR A SIGNIFICANT FISCAL IMPACT
Proposes an amendment to Section 7 of Article XI of the
State Constitution to require approval by at least two-thirds of
the voters of the state voting in an election on any proposed
amendment or revision to the State Constitution imposing or
authorizing imposition of any new tax or fee, increasing or
authorizing an increase in any existing tax or fee, or imposing
a significant fiscal impact on the state, counties, school
districts, municipalities, or special districts, such proposal

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to amend and expand the existing two-thirds vote requirement

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adopted by Florida voters in 1996 but currently applying only to proposed amendments that impose a new state tax or fee, all other proposed amendments or revisions currently requiring approval by only a simple majority of those voting on the amendment or revision; to delete a provision limiting application of such voting requirement to only state taxes or fees; to extend the existing two-thirds vote requirement to taxes and fees producing revenue for counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts rather than only the state; to expand the definition of the term "new tax or fee" to include revenue-producing exactions for counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts; and to define the term "significant fiscal impact" to mean having a collective annual fiscal impact on the state, counties, municipalities, and special districts in the first state fiscal year of full implementation of the proposed amendment or revision in an amount greater than one-tenth of one percent of the total state budget for the state fiscal year ending in the year prior to the general election in which such proposed amendment or revision is considered.