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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 or revision is considered. The amendment also

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

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