

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Mayfield offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 696 and 697, insert:

5 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
6 373.503, Florida Statutes, is amended, subsection (5) is  
7 renumbered as subsection (6), and a new subsection (5) is added  
8 to said section, to read:

9 373.503 Manner of taxation.--

10 (3)(a) Subject to annual authorization to levy ad valorem  
11 taxes pursuant to subsection (5), the districts may levy ad  
12 valorem taxes on property within the district solely for the  
13 purposes of this chapter and of chapter 25270, 1949, Laws of  
14 Florida, as amended, and chapter 61-691, Laws of Florida, as  
15 amended. The authority to levy ad valorem taxes as provided in

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16 | this act shall commence with the year 1977. However, the taxes  
17 | levied for 1977 by the governing boards pursuant to this section  
18 | shall be prorated to ensure that no such taxes will be levied  
19 | for the first 4 days of the tax year, which days will fall prior  
20 | to the effective date of the amendment to s. 9(b), Art. VII of  
21 | the State Constitution, which was approved March 9, 1976. When  
22 | appropriate, taxes levied by each governing board may be  
23 | separated by the governing board into a millage necessary for  
24 | the purposes of the district and a millage necessary for  
25 | financing basin functions specified in s. 373.0695. ~~Beginning~~  
26 | ~~with the taxing year 1977, and~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of  
27 | any other general or special law to the contrary, and subject to  
28 | annual authorization to levy ad valorem taxes pursuant to  
29 | subsection (5), the maximum total millage rate for district and  
30 | basin purposes shall be:

- 31 | 1. Northwest Florida Water Management District: 0.05 mill.
- 32 | 2. Suwannee River Water Management District: 0.75 mill.
- 33 | 3. St. Johns River Water Management District: 0.6 mill.
- 34 | 4. Southwest Florida Water Management District: 1.0 mill.
- 35 | 5. South Florida Water Management District: 0.80 mill.

36 | (5) In order to ensure that the taxes authorized by this  
37 | chapter continue to be in proportion to the benefits derived by  
38 | the several parcels of real estate within the districts to which  
39 | territories are annexed and transferred, the Legislature shall  
40 | annually review the authorized millage rate for each district  
41 | and annually set the amount of revenue authorized to be raised  
42 | by each district from the taxes authorized by this chapter.

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Removes lines 6-17, and insert:  
An act relating to water management districts; amending s. 373.036, F.S.; authorizing submission of an annual strategic plan in lieu of other district water management plan information and providing requirements therefor; requiring water management districts to submit a consolidated annual report and providing requirements therefor; correcting a cross reference; amending ss. 11.80, 163.3177, 193.625, 373.0397, 373.042, 373.145, 373.1961, 373.199, 373.207, 373.414, 373.4592, 373.45926, 373.4595, 373.470, and 373.536, F.S.; revising certain reporting requirements and cross references to conform; amending s. 373.503, F.S.; providing that a water management district's millage rate is subject to annual authorization by the Legislature; requiring the Legislature to annually review a water management district's millage rate; requiring the Legislature to annually set the amount of revenue authorized to be raised by each water management district from ad valorem taxes; directing the Department of

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