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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VII of the State Constitution, relating to ad valorem taxes for water-management purposes.

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

That the following amendment to Section 9 of Article VII of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose, and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2007:

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 9. Local taxes.--

(a) Counties, school districts, and municipalities shall, and special districts may, be authorized by law to levy ad valorem taxes and may be authorized by general law to levy other taxes, for their respective purposes, except ad valorem taxes on intangible personal property and taxes prohibited by this constitution.

(b) Ad valorem taxes, exclusive of taxes levied for the payment of bonds and taxes levied for periods not longer than two years when authorized by vote of the electors who are the owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation, shall not be levied in excess of the following millages upon the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property: for all county purposes, ten mills; for all municipal purposes, ten mills; for all school purposes, ten

1 mills; for water management purposes ~~for the northwest portion~~
2 ~~of the state lying west of the line between ranges two and~~
3 ~~three east, 0.05 mill; for water management purposes for the~~
4 ~~remaining portions of the state, 1.0 mill; and for all other~~
5 special districts a millage authorized by law approved by vote
6 of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly
7 exempt from taxation. A county furnishing municipal services
8 may, to the extent authorized by law, levy additional taxes
9 within the limits fixed for municipal purposes.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
11 placed on the ballot:

12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

13 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9

14 LOCAL TAXES.--Proposing an amendment to the State
15 Constitution, effective January 1, 2007, to remove the limit
16 on ad valorem taxes of 0.05 mill for water-management purposes
17 which applies only to the northwest portion of the state and
18 thereby allow the 1-mill limit that applies to the rest of the
19 state to also apply to this portion.

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