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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution to prohibit drilling or exploration for oil or natural gas within sovereignty submerged lands and within a specified distance offshore and to direct the Legislature to enact enforcing legislation.

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

That the following amendment to Section 7 of Article II 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:

ARTICLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.--

(a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for the conservation and protection of natural resources.

(b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection Area" and "Everglades Agricultural

1 Area" shall have the meanings as defined in statutes in effect
2 on January 1, 1996.

3 (c) Drilling or exploration for oil or natural gas is
4 prohibited within sovereignty submerged lands and within 200
5 miles waterward of the coastline to the maximum extent allowed
6 by United States or international law. The legislature shall
7 enact legislation to enforce this subsection.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
9 placed on the ballot:

10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

11 ARTICLE II, SECTION 7

12 PROHIBITING DRILLING OR EXPLORATION FOR OIL OR NATURAL
13 GAS.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to
14 provide that drilling or exploration for oil or natural gas
15 shall be prohibited within sovereignty submerged lands and
16 within 200 miles waterward of the coastline to the maximum
17 extent allowed by United States or international law and to
18 direct the Legislature to enact legislation enforcing this
19 provision.
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