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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution to limit the expenditures of counties and municipalities by general law subject to certain exceptions.

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

That the following creation of Section 19 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:

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 19. Limitation on county and municipal expenditures.--A limitation on county and municipal expenditures may be imposed by general law, provided:

(a) A provision for annual growth in the expenditure limitation is made, which growth must equal or exceed the growth in Florida personal income.

(b) Provisions for waiving the expenditure limitation are made if:

(1) The Governor declares an emergency;

(2) The electors of the county or municipality approve the additional expenditures by referendum; or

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27        (3) The additional expenditures are approved by a  
28 supermajority vote of the governing body of the county or  
29 municipality.

30            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
31 placed on the ballot:

32                            CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

33                            ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19

34            LIMITATION ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES.--Proposing  
35 an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the  
36 Legislature to impose a limitation on expenditures of counties  
37 and municipalities by general law, subject to providing for  
38 annual growth in the limitation and waiving the limitation if  
39 the Governor declares an emergency or additional expenditures  
40 are approved by municipal or county electors by referendum or by  
41 the municipal or county governing body by a supermajority vote.