

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to ad valorem taxation for public
 3 education; amending ss. 1011.71 and 1011.73, F.S.;
 4 providing a specified maximum time period that a school
 5 district may levy additional millage by an initial
 6 referendum; providing a specified time period for
 7 subsequent levies of additional millage by the school
 8 district; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 1011.71, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1011.71 District school tax.--

15 (6) In addition to the maximum millage levied under this
 16 section and the General Appropriations Act, a school district
 17 may levy, by local referendum or in a general election,
 18 additional millage for school operational purposes up to an
 19 amount that, when combined with nonvoted millage levied under
 20 this section, does not exceed the 10-mill limit established in
 21 s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution. Any such levy shall
 22 be for a maximum of 4 years for the initial referendum and shall
 23 be counted as part of the 10-mill limit established in s. 9(b),
 24 Art. VII of the State Constitution. Subsequent levies may be for
 25 up to 10 years. Millage elections conducted under the authority
 26 granted pursuant to this section are subject to s. 1011.73.
 27 Funds generated by such additional millage do not become a part
 28 of the calculation of the Florida Education Finance Program

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29 total potential funds in 2001-2002 or any subsequent year and
30 must not be incorporated in the calculation of any hold-harmless
31 or other component of the Florida Education Finance Program
32 formula in any year. If an increase in required local effort,
33 when added to existing millage levied under the 10-mill limit,
34 would result in a combined millage in excess of the 10-mill
35 limit, any millage levied pursuant to this subsection shall be
36 considered to be required local effort to the extent that the
37 district millage would otherwise exceed the 10-mill limit.

38 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1011.73, Florida
39 Statutes, is amended to read:

40 1011.73 District millage elections.--

41 (2) MILLAGE AUTHORIZED NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS FOR THE
42 INITIAL REFERENDUM.--The district school board, pursuant to
43 resolution adopted at a regular meeting, shall direct the county
44 commissioners to call an election at which the electors within
45 the school district may approve an ad valorem tax millage as
46 authorized under s. 1011.71(6). Such election may be held at any
47 time, except that not more than one such election shall be held
48 during any 12-month period. Any millage so authorized shall be
49 levied for a period not in excess of 4 years for the initial
50 referendum or until changed by another millage election,
51 whichever is earlier. Subsequent levies may be for up to 10
52 years. If any such election is invalidated by a court of
53 competent jurisdiction, such invalidated election shall be
54 considered not to have been held.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.