

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Brevard County; limiting annual  
 3           increases in Brevard County's operating budget; providing  
 4           for exceptions to the limitation; providing a ballot  
 5           statement; requiring a referendum; providing an effective  
 6           date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Limitation on increases in the county's  
 11 operating budget.--Except as provided in this section, annual  
 12 increases in Brevard County's operating budget shall not exceed  
 13 the percentage increase in the county's population, as  
 14 determined by the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and  
 15 Business Research's latest Florida Estimates of Population, in  
 16 addition to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index as  
 17 provided in section 193.155(1)(b), Florida Statutes. This  
 18 limitation in annual increases in the county's operating budget  
 19 may be overcome by a finding of necessity due to emergency or  
 20 critical need approved by a super majority vote of the county  
 21 commission.

22           Section 2. Referendum.--

23           (1) In conjunction with the next general election, and in  
 24 accordance with the general laws governing elections, the Board  
 25 of County Commissioners of Brevard County shall call and the  
 26 Brevard County Supervisor of Elections shall conduct a  
 27 referendum of qualified electors of the county for the purpose  
 28 of posing the following question:

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30 Shall annual increases in Brevard County's operating budget be  
31 limited to the percentage change in the county's population in  
32 addition to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index  
33 unless the county commission finds, by a super majority vote,  
34 that exceeding the limitation is necessary due to emergency or  
35 critical need?

36 Yes

37 No

38 (2) "Qualified elector" means a person who is registered  
39 to vote in a general election held in Brevard County.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect only upon its  
41 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of  
42 Brevard County voting in a referendum held in accordance with  
43 section 2, except that this section and section 2 shall take  
44 effect upon becoming a law.