

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Indian River County operating budget
 3 limitation; limiting annual increases in the county's
 4 operating budget; providing exceptions to the limitation;
 5 requiring a referendum subject to an extraordinary vote;
 6 providing a ballot statement; providing a definition;
 7 providing an effective date.

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

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

22 Section 2. Referendum.--
 23 (1) In conjunction with the next countywide general
 24 election, and in accordance with the general laws governing
 25 elections, the Supervisor of Elections of Indian River County
 26 shall conduct a referendum of qualified electors of the county
 27 for the purpose of posing the following question:

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

35 Yes

36 No

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

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect only upon its
 40 approval by 60 percent of those qualified electors of the county
 41 voting in a referendum held in accordance with section 2, except
 42 that this section and section 2 shall take effect upon becoming
 43 a law.