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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Brevard County; limiting annual increases in the county's operating budget; providing for exemptions to the limitation; providing for a referendum; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Limitation on increases in Brevard County operating budget.--Except as provided in this act, annual increases in Brevard County's operating budget may not exceed the percentage increase in the county's population, as determined by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research's latest "Florida Estimates of Population," plus the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index as provided in s. 193.155(1)(b), Florida Statutes. This limitation in annual increases in the county's operating budget may be overcome by a finding of necessity due to emergency or critical need, which finding is approved by a super majority vote of the county commission.

Section 2. Referendum.--

(1) In conjunction with the next countywide election, and in accordance with the general laws governing elections, the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections shall conduct a referendum of qualified electors of the county for the purpose of posing the following question:

Limitation on Annual Increases in Brevard County's Operating Budget

1 Shall annual increases in Brevard County's
2 operating budget be limited to the percentage
3 change in the county's population plus the
4 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index
5 unless the county commission finds, by a super
6 majority vote, that exceeding the limitation is
7 necessary due to emergency or critical need?
8 Yes
9 No
10 (2) As used in this section, the term "qualified
11 elector" means a person who is registered to vote in a general
12 election held in Brevard County.
13 Section 3. This act, except for this section and
14 section 2, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, shall
15 take effect only upon its approval by a majority vote of those
16 qualified electors of Brevard County voting in a referendum
17 held in accordance with section 2.
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