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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on General
Government Appropriations

Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to standardize the maximum millage rate within the state for water-management purposes and to provide an effective date if such change is adopted.

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

That the following amendment to Section 9 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution are 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 9. Local taxes.—

(a) Counties, school districts, and municipalities shall, and special districts may, be authorized by law to levy ad valorem taxes and may be authorized by general law to levy other taxes, for their respective purposes, except ad valorem taxes on intangible personal property and taxes prohibited by this constitution.

(b) Ad valorem taxes, exclusive of taxes levied for the payment of bonds and taxes levied for periods not longer than two



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28 | years when authorized by vote of the electors who are the owners
29 | of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation, shall not
30 | be levied in excess of the following millages upon the assessed
31 | value of real estate and tangible personal property: for all
32 | county purposes, ten mills; for all municipal purposes, ten
33 | mills; for all school purposes, ten mills; for water management
34 | purposes ~~for the northwest portion of the state lying west of the~~
35 | ~~line between ranges two and three east, 0.05 mill; for water~~
36 | ~~management purposes for the remaining portions of the state, 1.0~~
37 | mill; and for all other special districts a millage authorized by
38 | law approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds
39 | therein not wholly exempt from taxation. A county furnishing
40 | municipal services may, to the extent authorized by law, levy
41 | additional taxes within the limits fixed for municipal purposes.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

44 | Statewide maximum millage rate for water management
45 | purposes.--The amendment to Section 9 of Article VII removing an
46 | exception to the statewide maximum millage rate for water-
47 | management purposes which applies within the northwest portion of
48 | the state shall take effect January 1, 2009.

49 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
50 | placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9

ARTICLE XII

54 | LOCAL TAXES.--Proposing an amendment to the State
55 | Constitution, effective January 1, 2009, to remove the limit on
56 | ad valorem taxes of 0.05 mill for water-management purposes which
57 | applies only to the northwest portion of the state and thereby



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58 | allow the 1-mill limit applicable to the remainder of the state
59 | to apply statewide.