

By the Committee on General Government Appropriations; and  
Senator Alexander

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## Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section  
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  
years when authorized by vote of the electors who are the owners  
of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation, shall not

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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.