

By Senator Negrón

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 28 of Article X of the State Constitution to require the election of members of governing boards that have the authority to adopt millage rates and to provide for implementation thereof.

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

That the following creation of Section 28 of Article X of the State Constitution is 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 X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 28. Election of members of boards that adopt millage rates; implementation.-

(a) The members of any governing board that has the authority to adopt millage rates must be elected by a vote of the electors of the jurisdiction affected, subject to any phase-in schedule adopted by the legislature.

(b) In the next regular legislative session occurring after voter approval of this constitutional amendment, the legislature shall implement this section by general law effective July 1 of that year. Such legislation may provide a phase-in schedule to allow for the updating of special district charters.

(c) The transition to elected governing boards required by this section shall be fully effectuated by January 1, 2013.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
31 placed on the ballot:

32 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

33 ARTICLE X, SECTION 28

34 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BOARDS POSSESSING
35 AUTHORITY TO ADOPT MILLAGE RATES.—Proposing an amendment to the
36 State Constitution to require that members of any governing
37 board that has the authority to adopt millage rates must be
38 elected by a vote of the people of the jurisdiction affected,
39 subject to any phase-in schedule adopted by the Legislature.
40 This amendment also requires the Legislature to implement this
41 provision by general law in the next regular legislative session
42 after this amendment is approved by the voters. The legislation
43 must take effect by July 1 of that year and may provide a phase-
44 in schedule to allow for the updating of special district
45 charters. The transition to elected governing boards required by
46 this amendment must be completed by January 1, 2013.