The Florida Senate HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 2742, 1st Eng.

INTRODUCER: Judiciary Committee and Senators Atwater and Baker

SUBJECT: Nonbinding Statewide Advisory Referendum

DATE: April 22, 2010

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 368547 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 revises the wording to be posed to the voters in the nonbinding statewide advisory referendum on whether the U.S. Constitution should be amended to require a balanced federal budget. Whereas the base Senate bill specifies that excessive borrowing by the federal government threatens "jobs" and "robs" Americans of "their opportunity for success," the House amendment specifies that the borrowing "threatens our economy." In other words, the House amendment replaces references to jobs and success with a reference to the economy.