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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution to prohibit the exploration and drilling for, and the extraction and production of, oil in and beneath specified state waters and to exempt the transportation of oil produced outside of such waters.

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

That the following amendment to Section 7 of Article II 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 II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.—

(a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for the conservation and protection of natural resources.

(b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection

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29 Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings  
 30 as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

31 (c) The exploration and drilling for, and the extraction  
 32 and production of, oil are prohibited in and beneath all state  
 33 waters located between the mean high-water line along the  
 34 coastline of the state and the seaward limit of the state's  
 35 boundaries, as now or hereafter fixed by this constitution or  
 36 the Congress of the United States, whichever such boundary is  
 37 farther from the coastline. This prohibition shall not apply to  
 38 the transportation of oil produced outside of such waters.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
 40 placed on the ballot:

41 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

42 ARTICLE II, SECTION 7

43 OIL EXPLORATION, DRILLING, EXTRACTION, AND PRODUCTION  
 44 PROHIBITED IN STATE WATERS.—Proposing an amendment to the State  
 45 Constitution to prohibit the exploration and drilling for, and  
 46 the extraction and production of, oil in and beneath all state  
 47 waters located between the mean high-water line along the  
 48 coastline of the state and the seaward limit of the state's  
 49 boundaries, as now or hereafter fixed by the State Constitution  
 50 or the Congress of the United States, whichever such boundary is  
 51 farther from the coastline, and to exempt the transportation of  
 52 oil produced outside of such waters from the prohibition.