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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 oil in, and the extraction and production of oil from, submerged lands and waterways over which the state has jurisdiction.

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 Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings

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29 | as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

30 | (c) The exploration and drilling for oil in, and the
 31 | extraction and production of oil from, submerged lands and
 32 | waterways over which the state has jurisdiction are prohibited.

33 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 34 | placed on the ballot:

35 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

36 | ARTICLE II, SECTION 7

37 | OIL EXPLORATION, DRILLING, EXTRACTION, AND PRODUCTION IN
 38 | AND FROM SUBMERGED LANDS AND WATERWAYS PROHIBITED.—Proposing an
 39 | amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit the exploration
 40 | and drilling for oil in, and the extraction and production of
 41 | oil from, submerged lands and waterways over which the state has
 42 | jurisdiction.