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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 oil exploration, drilling, extraction, and production in specified coastal waters and to exempt the transportation of oil products 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 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) To protect the citizens of the state and their
31 | environment, oil exploration, drilling, extraction, and
32 | production are prohibited in and beneath all state waters
33 | between the line of mean high tide and the outermost boundaries
34 | of the state's territorial seas. This prohibition shall not
35 | apply to the transportation of oil products produced outside of
36 | such waters.

37 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
38 | placed on the ballot:

39 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

40 | ARTICLE II, SECTION 7

41 | OIL EXPLORATION, DRILLING, EXTRACTION, AND PRODUCTION IN
42 | COASTAL WATERS PROHIBITED.—Proposing an amendment to the State
43 | Constitution to prohibit oil exploration, drilling, extraction,
44 | and production in and beneath all state waters between the line
45 | of mean high tide and the outermost boundaries of the state's
46 | territorial seas and to exempt the transportation of oil
47 | products produced outside of such waters from the prohibition.