

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a special election; providing for a
3 special election to be held on the date of the
4 presidential preference primary in 2012, pursuant to
5 Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution, for the
6 approval or rejection by the electors of this state of
7 amendments to the State Constitution, proposed by joint
8 resolution, to prohibit increases in the assessed value of
9 homestead property if the fair market value of the
10 property decreases, reduce the limitation on annual
11 assessment increases applicable to nonhomestead real
12 property, provide an additional homestead exemption for
13 owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead
14 property for a specified time before purchase of the
15 current homestead property, provide application and
16 limitations with respect thereto, and provide an effective
17 date if such amendments are adopted; providing for
18 publication of notice and for procedures; providing an
19 appropriation; providing a contingent effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23 Section 1. Pursuant to Section 5 of Article XI of the
24 State Constitution, there shall be a special election on the
25 date of the presidential preference primary, which shall be held
26 concurrently with other statewide elections held on that date,
27 if any, at which there shall be submitted to the electors of
28 this state for approval or rejection the amendments to the State

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29 Constitution proposed in Senate Joint Resolution 658 or House
30 Joint Resolution 381.

31 Section 2. Publication of notice shall be in accordance
32 with Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution. The
33 special election shall be held as other special elections are
34 held.

35 Section 3. The sum of \$400,000 in nonrecurring funds from
36 the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of
37 State for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for the purpose of
38 advertising the constitutional amendments being submitted to the
39 electors of this state at the special election called by this
40 act.

41 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
42 if enacted by a vote of at least three-fourths of the membership
43 of each house of the Legislature and if Senate Joint Resolution
44 658 or House Joint Resolution 381 is adopted by both houses of
45 the Legislature.