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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  
6           the approval or rejection by the electors of this  
7           state of amendments to the State Constitution,  
8           proposed by joint resolution, to prohibit increases in  
9           the assessed value of homestead property if the fair  
10          market value of the property decreases, reduce the  
11          limitation on annual assessment increases applicable  
12          to nonhomestead real property, provide an additional  
13          homestead exemption for owners of homestead property  
14          who have not owned homestead property for a specified  
15          time before purchase of the current homestead  
16          property, provide application and limitations with  
17          respect thereto, and provide an effective date if such  
18          amendments are adopted; providing for publication of  
19          notice and for procedures; providing an appropriation;  
20          providing a contingent effective date.

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

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

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

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

36 Section 3. The sum of \$560,000 in nonrecurring funds from  
37 the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of  
38 State for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for the purpose of  
39 advertising the constitutional amendments being submitted to the  
40 electors of this state at the special election called by this  
41 act.

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