

1 House Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of  
 3 Article II of the State Constitution to prohibit the  
 4 exploration, drilling, extraction, or production of oil  
 5 beneath Florida waters between the mean high-water line  
 6 and the seaward limit of Florida's boundaries.

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

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 10 That the following amendment to Section 7 of Article II of  
 11 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to  
 12 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next  
 13 general election:

14 ARTICLE II

15 GENERAL PROVISIONS

16 SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.—

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

22 (b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause  
 23 water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the  
 24 Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for  
 25 paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the  
 26 purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection  
 27 Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings  
 28 as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

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

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

40                            CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

41                                    ARTICLE II, SECTION 7

42            BAN OF EXPLORATION, DRILLING, EXTRACTION, AND PRODUCTION OF  
 43 OIL IN FLORIDA TERRITORIAL SEAS.—This amendment to the State  
 44 Constitution prohibits the exploration for, the drilling for,  
 45 the extraction of, and the production of oil in and beneath all  
 46 Florida waters between the mean high-water line and the seaward  
 47 limit of Florida as now or hereafter fixed, whichever boundary  
 48 is farther from the coastline. This amendment is self-executing  
 49 and does not apply to the transportation of oil produced outside  
 50 Florida's territorial waters.