

HB 799

2015

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to tax disclosures; requiring
3 specified public entities to disclose on their
4 websites any proposed new or increased tax, fee, or
5 surcharge; requiring a specified percentage of
6 qualified electors to affirmatively vote for the new
7 or increased tax, fee, or surcharge for it to become
8 effective; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
13 before a municipality, county, regional entity, or other taxing
14 authority enacts a new tax, surcharge, or fee, or increases an
15 existing tax, surcharge, or fee, and such tax, surcharge, or fee
16 is necessary to fund proposed bonds or debt or to repay bonds or
17 other debt issued by the entity, such entity must disclose
18 specified information on its official website, including the
19 term of the debt, the interest rate, the total amount of funds
20 borrowed, and the duration of the debt. The municipality,
21 county, regional entity, or other taxing authority may only
22 enact such new or increased tax, surcharge, or fee upon the
23 affirmative vote of at least 60 percent of its qualified
24 electors participating in a referendum on the subject.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.