

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Children's Services Council of
 3 Broward County; amending ch. 2000-461, Laws of
 4 Florida, as amended; increasing the maximum millage
 5 rate for ad valorem tax; requiring a referendum;
 6 providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 5 and section 6 of
 11 chapter 2000-461, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2004-
 12 396, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

13 Section 5. Fiscal Year.—

14 (2) On or before July 1 of each year, the Children's
 15 Services Council of Broward County shall prepare and adopt a
 16 tentative annual written budget of its expected income and
 17 expenditures, including a contingency fund. The tentative annual
 18 written budget shall be delivered to the Board of County
 19 Commissioners on or before July 1 of each year. Included in each
 20 tentative annual budget shall be an estimate of the millage rate
 21 necessary to be applied to raise the funds budgeted for
 22 expenditures, which millage rate shall not exceed a maximum of
 23 \$1 ~~50 cents~~ for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation of all
 24 properties within the County which are subject to County taxes.
 25 The adopted budget and final millage rate shall be certified and

26 delivered to the Board of County Commissioners within 15 days
27 following the council's adoption of the final budget and millage
28 rate pursuant to chapter 200, Florida Statutes.

29 Section 6. Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes.—In order to
30 provide funds for the Children's Services Council of Broward
31 County, the council may levy ad valorem taxes annually on all
32 taxable property in the County in an amount not to exceed one
33 ~~one-half~~ mill, provided that the authority to levy such taxes
34 has been approved by a majority vote of the electors of the
35 District voting in the Countywide Election to be held in
36 accordance with the requirements of the constitution and the
37 laws of Florida and as set forth in this act. The council shall
38 compute a proposed millage rate within the voter-approved cap
39 necessary to fund the tentative budget and, prior to adopting a
40 final budget, comply with the provisions of section 200.065,
41 Florida Statutes, relating to the method of fixing millage, and
42 shall fix the final millage rate by resolution of the council.
43 All tax money collected under this act, as soon after the
44 collection thereof as is reasonably practicable, shall be paid
45 directly to the Children's Services Council by the Tax Collector
46 of the County and all other applicable County officials. The
47 moneys so received by the Children's Services Council, shall be
48 deposited in a special bank account, shall be withdrawn only by
49 checks signed by the chair of the council and counter-signed by
50 one other member of the council, who shall be so authorized by

51 the council. The chair and other member of the council who signs
52 its checks shall each give a surety bond in the amount of \$1,000
53 which bond shall be conditioned that each shall faithfully
54 discharge the duties of their office. No other member of the
55 council shall be required to give bond or other security. No
56 funds of the council shall be expended except by check as
57 aforesaid, except expenditures of petty cash account which shall
58 not at any time exceed \$100. All expenditures from petty cash
59 shall be recorded on the books and records of the Children's
60 Services Council. No funds of the council, except the
61 expenditure of petty cash or issuance of checks made payable for
62 sums no greater than \$5,000, shall be expended without prior
63 approval of the council, in addition to the budgeting thereof.
64 Budgeted expenditures of \$5,000 or less that have not received
65 prior council approval shall be authorized only upon approval of
66 the chief executive officer of the council and shall be reported
67 to the council by written report on a monthly basis. For
68 purposes of this section, electronic wire transfers shall be
69 deemed checks if written authorization for each wire transfer is
70 obtained from the council chair and by an authorized council
71 member.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect only upon its
73 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing
74 within Broward County, voting in a referendum to be held in
75 conjunction with the next general election to be held in Broward

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76 | County, except that this section shall take effect upon becoming
77 | a law.