

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to millage rates; amending s. 200.65,  
 3           F.S.; prohibiting certain increases in the millage  
 4           rate from going into effect until it has been approved  
 5           by a specified vote; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of  
 10 section 200.065, Florida Statutes, to read:

11           200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

12           (5) In each fiscal year:

13           (c) Except as provided in subparagraph (a)2., the previous  
 14 millage rate may only be increased if approved by a two-thirds  
 15 vote of the membership of the governing body of the county,  
 16 municipality, or independent district.

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 18 Any unit of government operating under a home rule charter  
 19 adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State  
 20 Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the  
 21 State Constitution, which is granted the authority in the State  
 22 Constitution to exercise all the powers conferred now or  
 23 hereafter by general law upon municipalities and which exercises  
 24 such powers in the unincorporated area shall be recognized as a  
 25 municipality under this subsection. For a downtown development

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26 | authority established before the effective date of the State  
27 | Constitution which has a millage that must be approved by a  
28 | municipality, the governing body of that municipality shall be  
29 | considered the governing body of the downtown development  
30 | authority for purposes of this subsection.

31 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.