

By Senator Ingoglia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to referendums to increase millage;
3 amending s. 200.65, F.S.; prohibiting any increase in
4 a taxing authority's millage rate from going into
5 effect until it has been approved by a specified vote;
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. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of
11 section 200.065, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

13 (5) In each fiscal year:

14 (c) Any increase in the millage rate may not go into effect
15 until it is approved by a two-thirds vote of the qualified
16 electors in the county or district voting in a general election,
17 as defined in s. 97.021, called for such purpose.

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

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30 considered the governing body of the downtown development
31 authority for purposes of this subsection.

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