By Senator Ingoglia

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1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to millage rates; amending s. 200.065,

3   F.S.; prohibiting any increase in the millage rate

4   from going into effect until it has been approved by a

5   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) The previous millage rate may only be increased if

14   approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing

15   body of the county, municipality, or independent district.

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17   Any unit of government operating under a home rule charter

18   adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State

19   Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the

20   State Constitution, which is granted the authority in the State

21   Constitution to exercise all the powers conferred now or

22   hereafter by general law upon municipalities and which exercises

23   such powers in the unincorporated area shall be recognized as a

24   municipality under this subsection. For a downtown development

25   authority established before the effective date of the State

26   Constitution which has a millage that must be approved by a

27   municipality, the governing body of that municipality shall be

28   considered the governing body of the downtown development

29   authority for purposes of this subsection.

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