

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Please Print Name as it Appears on Voter Information Card

Residential Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

County _____

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the following amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING CREATED OR AMENDED

ARTICLE VIII Local Government SECTION 5. Local option.

BALLOT TITLE

REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

BALLOT SUMMARY

Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new budget, or amend a budget with any annual increase in revenue/spending beyond the lesser of 5% or inflation, the proposed budget or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local budget agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Local budget voting shall be part of the biannual election process. Provides definitions.

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA THAT: ARTICLE VIII Local Government SECTION 5. Local option. -- of the Florida Constitution is amended to add the following subsection: (c) Public participation in local government benefits the conservation and protection of Florida's resources and the long-term quality of life of Floridians. Therefore, before a local government may adopt a new budget, or amend a budget, such proposed budget or budget amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local budget agency, consideration by the governing body as provided by general law, and notice thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice and referendum will be as provided by general law.

Local budget voting shall be part of the biannual election process as follows:

- The two year budget increase limit shall be the lesser of 10 percent or 2 year [$\frac{3}{4}$ (CPI) + $\frac{1}{4}$ (GPI)].
- The ballot choice for voter shall be no less than a spending limit budget and a local approved budget.
- Where appropriate other budget choices may appear on ballot.
- No budget need appear on the ballot when local government actual revenue/spending was within the lesser of 10 percent or 2 year [$\frac{3}{4}$ (CPI) + $\frac{1}{4}$ (GPI)] in the prior two year period and the current two year budget is within the revenue/spending limit.

For the decade starting in 2000 there shall be a base period and peak period determined; starting in the election cycle for 2010 budgets will be subject to roll back periods, if necessary. Otherwise, prior budget base is determined and spending limit or alignment period applies unless a local

approved budget is supported by at least 60 percent of the voters of the local government voting on the measure, rather than by a simple majority.

This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Florida.

For purposes of this subsection:

- "Local government" means a county or municipality.
- "Local government budget" means a plan to guide and control proper management of local government financial resources as required by law and sound financial practice under the jurisdiction of a local government.
- "Local budget agency" means the agency of a local government that is responsible for the preparation of a budget and budget amendments after public notice and hearings and for making recommendations to the governing body of the local government regarding the adoption or amendment of a budget.
- "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the commission or council of a municipality, or the chief elected governing body of a county or municipality, however designated.
- "Inflation" means annual $\frac{3}{4}$ (CPI) + $\frac{1}{4}$ (GPI), where commonly used as measures for inflation at the consumer and government price levels respectively.
- "Prior Base Budget" shall be the immediate prior two year budget as constrained or voter approved.
- "Base period" shall be the mean of the local government spending for the 5 year period between 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004.
- "Peak period" shall be the cumulative spending increase in percentage for the 5 year period between 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 as measured over the base period.
- "Roll Back period" shall be the 5 year period when a local government budget is reduced by no more than 10% per year until it conforms to or falls below trend line of "Base period" adjusted for "Spending Limit". The goal is 25 percent of "base period" or restated the cumulative end point shall be 125 over the base period of 100. $125/100 =$ "peak period"/"base period".
- "Alignment period" shall be the 2 year period when a local government budget is reduced by no more than 5% per year until it conforms to or falls below trend line of "Prior Base Budget" adjusted for "Spending Limit".
- "Spending Limit" shall be the two year budget amount constrained by the lesser of 10 percent or 2 year $[\frac{3}{4}$ (CPI) + $\frac{1}{4}$ (GPI)] upon the "prior base budget".
- "Local Approved" shall be the two year budget amount exceeding the "Spending limit".

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DATE OF SIGNATURE **SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER**

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