

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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Name _____ Date of Birth _____
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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 VII - Finance and Taxation, SECTION 1. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses; state revenue limitation. -- (e)

BALLOT TITLE: Limit state, county, municipality, special district and local governmental body revenues.

BALLOT SUMMARY: State, county, municipality, special district and local governmental body revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to its revenues for the prior fiscal year 2000-2001 or its first fiscal year plus the percent change in the population determined by the legislature, plus the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, thereby additionally limiting maximum millage rates upon the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property.

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions. **Full text of proposed amendment: ARTICLE VII - Finance and Taxation, SECTION 1. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses; state revenue limitation. -- (e)** Except as provided herein, state revenues, county, municipality, special district and local governmental body revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to its state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year 2000-2001 or its first fiscal year plus the percent change in the population determined by the legislature, plus the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. ~~an adjustment for growth. As used in this subsection, "growth" means an amount equal to the average annual rate of growth in Florida personal income over the most recent twenty quarters times the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year. For the 1995-1996 fiscal year, the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year shall equal the state revenues collected for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be determined by the legislature, from information available from the United States Department of Commerce or its successor on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.~~ State, county, municipality and special district revenues collected for any fiscal year in excess of this limitation shall be transferred to the state budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be refunded to taxpayers as provided by general law. ~~State revenues allowed under this subsection for any fiscal year may be increased by a two thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature in a separate bill that contains no other subject and that sets forth the dollar amount by which the state revenues allowed will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading of the bill.~~ For purposes of this subsection, "state, county, municipality, special district and local governmental body revenues" means all taxes, fees, licenses, and charges for services imposed by the state legislature, counties, municipalities, special districts and local governmental bodies on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, "state, county, municipality, special district and local governmental body revenues" does not include: revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state, county, municipality, special district and local governmental body; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund elective expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, licenses, fees, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, licenses, fees, and charges for services required to be imposed by any amendment or revision to this constitution after July 1, 1994. An adjustment to the revenue limitation shall be made by general law to reflect the fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state, county, municipality, special district and local governmental body and other levels of government. When this revision becomes effective Section 9 (a), (b) of Article VII shall be abrogated only to the extent necessary to comply with this subsection and with the revenue limitations imposed herein by this subsection. Ad valorem taxes, exclusive of taxes levied for the payment of bonds and taxes levied for periods not longer than two years when authorized by vote of the electors who are the owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation, shall not be levied in excess of the revenue limitations in this subsection, the maximum millages upon the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property established in Section 9 (b) shall be reduced if necessary to be in compliance with this subsection thereby further reducing the maximum millage rates stated in Section 9 (b). Local impact fees for new construction are not subject to limitations imposed herein. The provisions of this amendment are severable. If any of the provisions of this amendment shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this amendment. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

DATE OF SIGNATURE

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SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER

Paid Petition Circulator's Name: _____
Paid Petition Circulator's Address: _____

Date Approved: 8/22/07
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