

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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Name _____ Date of Birth _____
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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 8. Aid to local governments.-- SECTION 9. Local taxes.--

(a), (b), SECTION 12. Local bonds.--

BALLOT TITLE: Shift all ad valorem taxes to other revenues thereby abolishing ad valorem property taxes.

BALLOT SUMMARY: Shift all ad valorem taxes to other revenues to be determined by the legislature, the responsibility of funding counties, school districts, municipalities, special districts, debts and bonds funded by ad valorem taxation is hereby transferred to the state from the property owners, the legislature shall appropriate other revenues to replace all ad valorem revenues. On the effective date of this amendment, all ad valorem taxation shall thereby be abolished.

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

Full text of proposed amendment: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 8. Aid to local governments.--State funds may be appropriated to the several counties, school districts, municipalities or special districts upon such conditions as may be provided by general law. ~~These conditions may include the use of relative ad valorem assessment levels determined by a state agency designated by general law.~~

SECTION 9. Local taxes.--

(a) Shift all ad valorem taxes to other revenues to be determined by the legislature, the responsibility of funding counties, school districts, municipalities, special districts, debts and bonds funded by ad valorem taxation is hereby transferred to the state from the property owners, the legislature shall appropriate other revenues to replace all ad valorem revenues. Counties, school districts, and municipalities shall, and special districts may, be authorized by law to levy ad valorem taxes and may be authorized by general law to levy other taxes, for their respective purposes, except ad valorem taxes on intangible personal property and taxes prohibited by this constitution. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

(b) 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 following millages upon the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property: for all county purposes, ten mills; for all municipal purposes, ten mills; for all school purposes, ten mills; for water management purposes for the northwest portion of the state lying west of the line between ranges two and three east, 0.05 mill; for water management purposes for the remaining portions of the state, 1.0 mill; and for all other special districts a millage authorized by law approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation. A county furnishing municipal services may, to the extent authorized by law, levy additional taxes within the limits fixed for municipal purposes. On the effective date of this amendment, all ad valorem taxation shall thereby be abolished, the effective date to be the first January 3rd after passage in a general election. The legislature will implement any and all provisions in this section. 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. Sections and subsections of 3, 4 and 6, of Article VII regarding ad valorem taxation shall not be abrogated by this amendment.

SECTION 12. Local bonds.--Counties, school districts, municipalities, special districts and local governmental bodies with taxing powers may issue bonds, certificates of indebtedness or any form of tax anticipation certificates, payable from ~~ad valorem~~ taxation and maturing more than twelve months after issuance only:

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 15. Special district taxes.--Ad valorem taxing power vested by law in special districts existing when this revision becomes effective shall ~~not~~ be abrogated by Section 9(b) of Article VII herein, ~~but such powers, except to the extent necessary to pay outstanding debts, may be restricted or withdrawn by law.~~

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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