

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ – OR – DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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.

**BALLOT TITLE: Replace all property taxes with other revenues thereby abolishing property taxes.**

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

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

ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING CREATED OR AMENDED:

ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 8. Aid to local governments.-- SECTION 9. Local taxes.-- (a), (b), SECTION 12. Local bonds.-- ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 15. Special district taxes.--

Full text of proposed amendment: BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA THAT THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION IS HEREBY AMENDED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CHANGES:

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.~~ The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

SECTION 9. Local taxes. --

(a) Replace all property taxes with other revenues to be determined by the legislature, the responsibility of funding counties, school districts, municipalities, special districts, debts, bonds, and other entities funded by property taxation is hereby transferred to the state from the property owners; the legislature shall appropriate other revenues to replace all property tax 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 property taxation shall thereby be abolished; the effective date is to be the first January 1<sup>st</sup> after passage in a general election. The provisions of this amendment are severable. The legislature will implement any and all provisions in this section. 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 and shall be preserved. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

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. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

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.~~ The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

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