

## SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date: April 14, 1998 Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: An Act Relating to a Special Election

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Green</u>	<u>Voigt</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
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### I. Summary:

The bill provides that Senate Joint Resolution No. 528, proposing an amendment to s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution to authorize the issuance of state bonds to finance or refinance the acquisition of lands and improvements for conservation, outdoor recreation, and water resource development projects, shall be submitted to the electors of Florida at a special election to be held on September 1, 1998. The bill requires passage by a vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the Legislature before the act shall become law.

### II. Present Situation:

Section 5, Art. XI of the State Constitution requires a proposed amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than 90 days after legislative approval of the joint resolution. However, a proposed amendment passed by a vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the Legislature may be submitted to the electors at an earlier special election held more than 90 days after such filing.

This bill gives the electors an opportunity to vote on a proposed amendment to s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution contained in Senate Joint Resolution 528 (SJR 528) at a special election on September 1, 1998 instead of the next general election in November, 1998. This bill is effective only upon passage of SJR 528.

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill provides that the provisions in SJR 528 shall be submitted to the electors of Florida at a special election on September 1, 1998. SJR 528 proposes an amendment to s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution to authorize the issuance of state bonds to finance or refinance the acquisition

of lands and improvements for conservation, outdoor recreation, and water resource development projects. The bill requires publication of notice in accordance with s. 5, Art. XI of the State Constitution.

This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, if passed by a vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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