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1	House Joint Resolution
2	A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of
3	Article II of the State Constitution to prohibit drilling
4	or exploration for oil or natural gas within sovereign
5	submerged lands and a specified distance offshore.
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7	Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9	That the following amendment to Section 7 of Article II of
10	the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
11	the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
12	general election or at an earlier special election specifically
13	authorized by law for that purpose:
14	ARTICLE II
15	GENERAL PROVISIONS
16	SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty
17	(a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and
18	protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate
19	provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and
20	water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for
21	the conservation and protection of natural resources.
22	(b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause
23	water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the
24	Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for
25	paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the
26	purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection
27	Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings
28	as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.
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29 (c) Drilling or exploration for oil or natural gas shall 30 be prohibited within sovereign submerged lands and within 200 31 miles waterward of the coastline to the maximum extent allowed 32 by United States or international law. 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be 34 placed on the ballot: 35 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 36 ARTICLE II, SECTION 7 DRILLING OR EXPLORATION FOR OIL OR NATURAL GAS. -- Proposing 37 38 an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that drilling or exploration for oil or natural gas shall be prohibited within 39 sovereign submerged lands and 200 miles waterward of the 40 41 coastline to the maximum extent allowed by United States or 42 international law.

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