

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to a special election;  
3           providing for a special election to be held  
4           January 29, 2008, pursuant to Section 5 of  
5           Article XI of the State Constitution, for the  
6           approval or rejection by the electors of this  
7           state of amendments to the State Constitution,  
8           proposed by joint resolution, relating to an  
9           exemption from ad valorem taxation for tangible  
10          personal property, the transfer of the accrued  
11          benefit from the limitation on assessed value  
12          of homestead property, the assessment of  
13          rent-restricted affordable housing and  
14          commercial and public-access waterfront  
15          property, an increase in the homestead  
16          exemption, an additional homestead exemption  
17          for first-time homestead property owners, a  
18          complete homestead exemption for low-income  
19          seniors, a limitation on the authority of a  
20          county, municipality, or special district to  
21          increase ad valorem taxes, a requirement for  
22          each county to have an elected property  
23          appraiser, and an effective date if such  
24          amendments are adopted; providing for  
25          publication of notice and for procedures;  
26          providing an appropriation; providing a  
27          contingent effective date.

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29   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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1           Section 1. Pursuant to Section 5 of Article XI of the  
2 State Constitution, there shall be a special election on  
3 January 29, 2008, to be held concurrently with other statewide  
4 elections held on that date, if any, at which there shall be  
5 submitted to the electors of this state for approval or  
6 rejection the amendments to the State Constitution proposed in  
7 Senate Joint Resolution 2-D or House Joint Resolution 7001-D,  
8 2007D Special Session.

9           Section 2. Publication of notice shall be in  
10 accordance with Section 5 of Article XI of the State  
11 Constitution. The special election shall be held as other  
12 special elections are held.

13           Section 3. The sum of \$560,000 in nonrecurring funds  
14 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the  
15 Department of State for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the  
16 purpose of advertising the constitutional amendments being  
17 submitted to the electors of this state at the special  
18 election called by this act.

19           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
20 law if enacted by a vote of at least three-fourths of the  
21 membership of each house of the Legislature and if Senate  
22 Joint Resolution 2-D or House Joint Resolution 7001-D, 2007D  
23 Special Session, is adopted by both houses of the Legislature.  
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