

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to referendums to increase millage;
 3 amending s. 200.65, F.S.; prohibiting any increase in
 4 the millage rate from going into effect until it has
 5 been approved by a specified vote; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of
 11 section 200.065, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

13 (5) In each fiscal year:

14 (c) The previous millage rate may only be increased if
 15 approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing
 16 body of the county, municipality, or independent district.

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 18 Any unit of government operating under a home rule charter
 19 adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State
 20 Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the
 21 State Constitution, which is granted the authority in the State
 22 Constitution to exercise all the powers conferred now or
 23 hereafter by general law upon municipalities and which exercises
 24 such powers in the unincorporated area shall be recognized as a
 25 municipality under this subsection. For a downtown development

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26 | authority established before the effective date of the State
27 | Constitution which has a millage that must be approved by a
28 | municipality, the governing body of that municipality shall be
29 | considered the governing body of the downtown development
30 | authority for purposes of this subsection.

31 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.