

Amendment No. 32

Commissioner M. Barnett offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (Amendment No. 29)

Removes lines 22-42 and insert:

(e)(1) The legislature or the governing board of a county, municipality, school board, or special district may not take the following actions unless the action is first approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature or at least a two-thirds vote of the governing board's membership:

a. Levy a new tax, special assessment, non-ad valorem assessment, or fee;

b. Increase the rate of an existing tax, special assessment, non-ad valorem assessment, or fee;

c. Expand a tax base or a geographic area subject to a tax, special assessment, non-ad valorem assessment, or fee; or

d. Eliminate an exemption from a tax, special assessment, non-ad valorem assessment, or fee.

(2) The two-thirds vote required by this subsection shall not apply to:

a. penalties, fines, or charges for goods and services;

b. ad valorem taxes as long as there exists a statutory limit on maximum millage rates that requires a super-majority vote of the governing body to exceed the limit; or

c. taxes, special assessments, non-ad valorem assessments, or fees to fund independent and dependent children's services councils, juvenile welfare boards, or similar entities created

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28 under section 125.901, Florida Statutes, or special law to
29 provide funding for children's services. ~~Except as provided~~
30 ~~herein,~~