

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to millage rates; amending s. 200.065,  
 3           F.S.; prohibiting certain increases in the millage  
 4           rate from going into effect until it has been approved  
 5           by a specified vote; authorizing the Department of  
 6           Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing for future  
 7           expiration of such authority; providing effective  
 8           dates.

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

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

14           200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

15           (5) In each fiscal year:

16           (c) Except as provided in subparagraph (a)2., the prior  
 17 year adopted millage rate may only be increased if approved by a  
 18 two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing body of the  
 19 county, municipality, or independent district.

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 21 Any unit of government operating under a home rule charter  
 22 adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State  
 23 Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the  
 24 State Constitution, which is granted the authority in the State  
 25 Constitution to exercise all the powers conferred now or

26 hereafter by general law upon municipalities and which exercises  
27 such powers in the unincorporated area shall be recognized as a  
28 municipality under this subsection. For a downtown development  
29 authority established before the effective date of the State  
30 Constitution which has a millage that must be approved by a  
31 municipality, the governing body of that municipality shall be  
32 considered the governing body of the downtown development  
33 authority for purposes of this subsection.

34       Section 2. (1) The Department of Revenue is authorized,  
35 and all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules  
36 pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, to implement the  
37 amendments made by this act to s. 200.065, Florida Statutes.  
38 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency rules  
39 adopted pursuant to this subsection are effective for 6 months  
40 after adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of  
41 procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of  
42 the emergency rules.

43       (2) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming  
44 a law and expires July 1, 2026.

45       Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
46 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
47 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
48 2024.