

House Bill No. 1563

An act relating to Palm Beach County; increasing the maximum ad valorem millage rate which the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is authorized to levy; providing that Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, applies to any tax levied; directing that the final millage rate must be applied in the same way as other ad valorem taxes; requiring a referendum; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 125.901, Florida Statutes, the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is authorized to levy ad valorem taxes in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill of assessed valuation of all properties within Palm Beach County which are subject to ad valorem county taxes. Any such tax shall be levied pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, with the adopted budget and final millage rate being certified and delivered by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County to the county, to be assessed, collected, and enforced in the same manner and at the same time as is provided by law for the assessment, collection and enforcement of other ad valorem taxes in Palm Beach County.

Section 2. The provisions of section 1 which authorize the levy of ad valorem taxation shall take effect only upon the approval by a majority vote of the qualified electors of Palm Beach County, as required by s. 9, Art. VII of the State Constitution, voting in a referendum to be held by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County in conjunction with any subsequent regular primary or general election. The specific regular primary or general election in which the referendum is held shall be determined by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. Such election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections currently in force in Palm Beach County. If the electors do not approve the levy of ad valorem taxation in the referendum held pursuant to this section, no further referendum may be held under this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2000.

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