



Bill Snapshot

HJR 7001: Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees

The Florida House has worked tirelessly to bring common sense back to governing by cutting taxes, cutting regulations, and cutting fees. These common sense solutions focus on Florida’s families, workers, and taxpayers, while always keeping the state’s economic future in mind.

PCB WMC 18-01 protects taxpayers and Florida’s long-term economic future by proposing an amendment to the state Constitution requiring a supermajority vote to raise any state tax or fee.

Highlights of the PCB are as follows:

- Provides that no state tax or fee may be imposed, authorized, or raised, except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of both the House and Senate.
- Defines “fee” as any charge or payment required by law, including any fee for service, fee or cost for licenses, and charge for service.
- Defines “raise” as:
 - To increase or authorize an increase in the rate of a state tax or fee imposed on a percentage or per mill basis;
 - To increase or authorize an increase in the amount of a state tax or fee imposed on a flat or fixed amount basis; or
 - To decrease or eliminate a state tax of fee exemption or credit.
- Requires that any proposed state tax or fee imposition, authorization or increase must be in its own bill that contains no other subject.
- Specifies that the proposed amendment does not authorize imposing any state tax or fee that is otherwise prohibited by the state Constitution.
- Specifies that the proposed amendment does not apply to any tax or fee imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.
- If approved by 60 percent of the voters in the 2018 general election or earlier special election, the PCB will take effect on January 8, 2019.

LAST SEEN:

PCB was reported favorably out of Ways & Means Committee.

Sponsor:
Rep. Leek

CURRENT STATUS:

PCB was filed and given a bill number, HJR 7001.

HEADED TO:

TBD once referred.