



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution regarding the Pinellas County School Board's proposed referendum question to continue an additional one-half mill levy.

Recommended Action:

Adoption of a proposed resolution placing the Pinellas County School Board's proposed referendum question to continue an additional one-half mill levy on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach.

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources.

Summary:

Section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes allows the School Board to seek millage to be approved by a vote of the electorate so long as the additional millage, when combined with the non-voted millage levied, does not exceed the 10-mill constitutional cap established in Section 9(b), Article VII, of the State constitution. Florida Statutes also authorizes the School Board to direct the Board of County Commissioners to call an election for this purpose. This levy will be extended for an additional four (4) years beginning July 1, 2017, and continuing through June 30, 2021. The amount of this levy is one-half mill. This tax is currently in place and the School Board is seeking to continue that collection. The attached resolution calls for an election in accordance with the provisions of the Pinellas County School Board resolution and Sections 1011.71 and 1011.73 of the Florida Statutes.

Background Information:

In April 2016, the Pinellas County School Board adopted a resolution directing the Board of County Commissioners to place a measure on the ballot to continue the additional levy until June 30, 2021. A copy of that board item is attached.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on the Pinellas County Government budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

James L. Bennett, County Attorney

Jewel White, Chief Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

Pinellas County School Board

Attachments:

2016 School Board Proposed Referendum Resolution.

April 12, 2016 School Board meeting minutes.

