

RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 97

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004, SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORATE, HAVING NASSAU COUNTY BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, TO AUTHORIZE THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT TO LEVY A MAXIMUM MILLAGE OF 0.1 MILL OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES IN NASSAU COUNTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, pursuant to Chapter 2004-15-HJ00521, Laws of Florida, has authorized Nassau County to be included within the Florida Inland Navigation District ("FIND") and provided that FIND may levy a maximum millage rate of 0.10 of assessed valuation of all properties in Nassau County subject to ad valorem taxation, provided a majority vote of qualified electors of Nassau County voting in the referendum approves such a levy; and

WHEREAS, the law further provides that such referendum shall be held by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida in conjunction with any regular primary or general election as it may determine; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2004-15-HJ00521, Laws of Florida, the Board of County Commissioners hereby declares such referendum shall be held in the General election on November 2, 2004 and shall contain the ballot title and language as set forth herein below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 17th day of June, 2004 that:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.
2. A referendum is hereby called and ordered to be held in Nassau County to determine whether the FIND is authorized to levy ad valorem taxes in an amount not to exceed 0.10 mill of assessed valuation of all properties within Nassau County which are subject to ad valorem taxes.
3. All qualified electors residing in Nassau County shall be entitled and permitted to vote in the referendum. The places for voting in the referendum shall be as determined by the Supervisor of Elections in and for Nassau County. The polls shall be open at such voting places from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date of the referendum.
4. The notice of the referendum shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with State Law. Proof of publication shall be secured.
5. The ballot title and language to be used in the referendum shall be:

NASSAU COUNTY/FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

SHALL THE LEGISLATION INCLUDING NASSAU COUNTY WITHIN THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, WHICH WOULD ALLOW NASSAU COUNTY TO HAVE ITS OWN COMMISSIONER ON THE BOARD AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WATERWAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND OTHER INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY ACTIVITIES OF THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, BE MADE EFFECTIVE BY AUTHORIZING THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT TO

LEVY ANNUALLY AN AD VALOREM TAX IN NASSAU COUNTY NOT TO EXCEED 0.10 MILLS?

YES _____

NO _____


6. The referendum shall be held and conducted, and the votes cast shall be counted, tabulated, canvassed and returned without delay, in the manner prescribed by general law for referenda.
7. If the electors do not approve the levy of ad valorem taxation in the referendum held on November 2, 2004, no further referendum shall take place pursuant to Chapter 2004-15-HJ00521.
8. In the event any word, phrase, clause, sentence or paragraph hereof shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, phrase, clause, sentence or paragraph hereof.
9. The Clerk to the Board is hereby directed to transmit to the Supervisor of Elections in and for Nassau County a certified copy of this Resolution immediately upon its adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



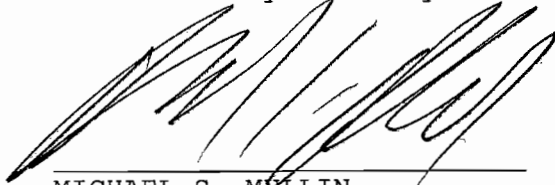
FLOYD L. VANZANT
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J.M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN