Article VIII, Section I, Paragraph 1
New Jersey Constitution

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

'Other Referenda', *The Trenton Sunday Times Advertiser*, 11/3/1963, pg 21

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 16

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 18, 1963

By Senators WADDINGTON and DUMONT

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to amend Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 1, of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General Assembly concurring):*

1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

1. (a) Property shall be assessed for taxation under general laws and by uniform rules. All real property assessed and taxed locally or by the State for allotment and payment to taxing districts shall be assessed according to the same standard of value, except as otherwise permitted herein, and such real property shall be taxed at the general tax rate of the taxing district in which the property is situated, for the use of such taxing district.

(b) The Legislature shall enact laws to provide that the value of land, not less than 5 acres in area, which is determined by the assessing officer of the taxing jurisdiction to be actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use and to have been so devoted for at least the 2 successive years immediately preceding the tax year in issue, shall, for local tax purposes, on application of the owner, be that value which such land has for agricultural or horticultural use.

Any such laws shall provide that when land which has been valued in this manner for local tax purposes is applied to a use other than for agriculture or horticulture it shall be subject to additional taxes in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the taxes paid or payable on the basis of the valuation and the assessment authorized hereunder and the taxes that would have been paid or payable had the land been valued and assessed as otherwise provided in this Constitution, in the current year and in such of the tax years immediately preceding, not in excess of 2 such years in which the land was valued as herein authorized.

Such laws shall also provide for the equalization of assessments of land valued in accordance with the provisions hereof and for the assessment and collection of any additional taxes levied thereupon and shall include such other provisions as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this amendment.

2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to, pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted to the people at the next general election occurring more than 3 months after such final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than 3 months prior to said general election.

3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the people at said election in the following manner and form:

There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at such general election, the following:

1. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (×), plus (+) or check (√) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are opposed thereto make a cross (×), plus (+) or check (√) in the square opposite the word "No."

2. In every municipality the following question:

	Yes.	FARM LAND ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT Shall the amendment of Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, which permits land used in agriculture or horticulture to be valued for local tax purposes according to the value such land has for such use and which provides for the payment of additional taxes if such land is thereafter applied to nonagricultural or nonhorticultural use, be adopted?
	No.	

STATEMENT

This proposed amendment was recommended by the Governor's Farm Land Assessment Committee as being essential to encourage the retention of agriculture as an industry in the State and to preserve agricultural lands in an open space condition.