Proposal No. 8

By Commissioner Barkdull

A proposal to revise

ARTICLE III, s. 8, Fla. Const.; increasing the
length of time within which the governor may
veto legislation.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 8 of Article III of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 8. Executive approval and veto.--

(a) Every bill passed by the legislature shall be
presented to the governor for his approval and shall become a law if he approves and signs it, or fails to veto it within fifteen seven consecutive days after presentation. If during that period or on the fifteenth seventh day the legislature adjourns sine die or takes a recess of more than thirty days, or if the legislature adjourns sine die before presentation of the bill, the governor he shall have thirty fifteen consecutive days from the date of presentation to act on the bill. In all cases except general appropriation bills, the veto shall extend to the entire bill. The governor may veto any specific appropriation in a general appropriation bill, but may not veto any qualification or restriction without also vetoing the appropriation to which it relates.

(b) When a bill or any specific appropriation of a
general appropriation bill has been vetoed by the governor,
the governor he shall transmit his or her signed objections
thereto to the house in which the bill originated if in

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session. If that house is not in session, the governor shall file them with the secretary of state, who shall lay them before that house at its next regular or special session, and they shall be entered on its journal.

(c) If each house shall, by a two-thirds vote, re-enact the bill or reinstate the vetoed specific appropriation of a general appropriation bill, the vote of each member voting shall be entered on the respective journals, and the bill shall become law or the specific appropriation reinstated, the veto notwithstanding.

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