Committee Substitute for Proposal No. 16

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections and Commissioner Douglass

A proposal to create

ARTICLE VI, s. 7, Fla. Const., and ARTICLE XII, s. 23, Fla. Const.; providing for public financing of campaigns for elective statewide office and for spending limits.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 7 is added to Article VI of the Florida Constitution to read:

ARTICLE VI
SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS
SECTION 7. Campaign spending limits and funding of campaigns for elective statewide office.--It is the policy of this state to provide for statewide elections in which all qualified candidates may effectively compete, without the disproportionate influence of special interests. A method of public financing for campaigns for statewide office shall be established by law. Spending limits shall be established for such campaigns for candidates who use public funds in their campaigns. The legislature shall provide sufficient funding for this provision.

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE
Section 2. Section 23 is added to Article XII of the Florida Constitution to read:

SECTION 23. Campaign spending limits and funding of campaigns for elective statewide office.--Article VI, Section 7, may be implemented by existing general law relating to campaign spending limits and funding of campaigns for elective office.

CODING: Words struck are deletions; words underlined are additions.
statewide office, or by law that is equally or more protective
of effective competition and therefore provides greater access
to the ballot for all.