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 compete effectively. 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. General law implementing this paragraph shall be at least as protective of effective competition by a candidate who has agreed to spending limits as the general law in effect on January 1, 1998.