A proposal to revise

ARTICLE IV, s. 7, Fla. Const.; requiring the
Senate to remove or reinstate an officer
suspended by the Governor.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 7 of Article IV of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE
SECTION 7. Suspensions; filling office during
suspensions.--
(a) By executive order stating the grounds and filed
with the secretary of state, the governor may suspend from
office any state officer not subject to impeachment, any
officer of the militia not in the active service of the United
States, or any county officer, for malfeasance, misfeasance,
neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, permanent
inability to perform his official duties, or commission of a
felony, and may fill the office by appointment for the period
of suspension. The suspended officer may at any time before
removal be reinstated by the governor.

(b) The senate shall may, in proceedings prescribed by
law, remove from office or reinstate the suspended official
and for such purpose the senate may be convened in special
session by its president or by a majority of its membership.
If the Senate refuses to remove or fails to take action before
its adjournment, the officer suspended shall resume the duties
of the office.

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
(c) By order of the governor any elected municipal officer indicted for crime may be suspended from office until acquitted and the office filled by appointment for the period of suspension, not to extend beyond the term, unless these powers are vested elsewhere by law or the municipal charter.