A proposal to revise
ARTICLE V, s. 14, Fla. Const.; providing for
salaries, costs, and expenses of the judiciary,
state attorneys, public defenders, and clerks
of the circuit court, and their respective
staffs, to be funded from state revenues
appropriated by general law; providing for
counties to fund the cost of construction,
maintenance, utilities, and security of
facilities for the judiciary, public defenders,
state attorneys, and clerks of the circuit
court, and their respective staffs.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 14 of Article V of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE V
JUDICIARY

SECTION 14. Funding Judicial salaries.--
(a) All justices and judges shall be compensated only
by state salaries fixed by general law. Funding for the state
courts system, state attorneys' offices, public defenders'
offices, and court-appointed counsel shall, except as
otherwise provided in subsection (c), be provided from state
revenues appropriated by general law.

(b) All funding for the offices of the clerks of the
circuit and county courts performing court-related functions
shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection and
subsection (c), be provided by adequate and appropriate filing

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fees for judicial proceedings and service charges and costs for performing court-related functions as required by general law. Selected salaries, costs, and expenses of the state courts system may be funded from appropriate filing fees for judicial proceedings and service charges and costs for performing court-related functions, as provided by general law. Where the requirements of either the United States Constitution or the Constitution of the State of Florida preclude the imposition of filing fees for judicial proceedings and service charges and costs for performing court-related functions sufficient to fund the court-related functions of the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts, the state shall provide, as determined by the legislature, adequate and appropriate supplemental funding from state revenues appropriated by general law.

(c) No county or municipality shall, except as provided in this subsection, be required to provide any funding for the state courts system, state attorneys' offices, public defenders' offices, court-appointed counsel or the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts. Counties shall be required to fund the cost of construction or lease, maintenance, utilities, and security of facilities for the trial courts, public defenders' offices, state attorneys' offices, and the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts performing court-related functions. Counties shall also pay reasonable and necessary salaries, costs and expenses of the state courts system, state attorneys, public defenders, and the clerks of the circuit court when performing court-related functions to meet local requirements as determined by general law.

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(d) The judiciary shall have no power to fix appropriations.