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, except as otherwise
provided in subsection (c), shall 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,
except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subsection
(c), shall be provided by adequate and appropriate filing fees

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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, except as provided in this subsection, shall 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 for performing court-related functions. Counties shall be required to fund the cost of communications services, existing radio systems, existing multi-agency criminal justice information systems, and 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 and costs and expenses of the state courts system to meet local requirements as determined by general law.

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

Section 2. Section 22 is added to Article XII of the Florida Constitution to read:

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

SECTION 22. Schedule to Article V Amendment.--

(a) Commencing with fiscal year 2000-2001, the legislature shall appropriate funds to pay for the salaries, costs, and expenses set forth in the amendment to Section 14 of Article V pursuant to a phase-in schedule established by general law.

(b) Unless otherwise provided herein, the amendment to Section 14 shall be fully effectuated by July 1, 2004.