Proposal No. 43

By Commissioner Riley

A proposal to revise

ARTICLE III, s. 15, Fla. Const.; providing
additional qualifications on candidates for,
and members of, the state Legislature.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 15 of Article III of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 15. Terms and qualifications of legislators.--

(a) SENATORS. Senators shall be elected for terms of
four years, those from odd-numbered districts in the years the
numbers of which are multiples of four and those from
even-numbered districts in even-numbered years the numbers of
which are not multiples of four; except, at the election next
following a reapportionment, some senators shall be elected
for terms of two years when necessary to maintain staggered
terms.

(b) REPRESENTATIVES. Members of the house of
representatives shall be elected for terms of two years in
each even-numbered year.

(c) QUALIFICATIONS. Each legislator must shall be at
least twenty-one years of age, must have been an elector and
resident of the district from which elected for at least one
year before election, must remain an elector and resident of
that district during the entire term of office, and must shall
have resided in the state for a period of two years before
prior to election.

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
(d) ASSUMING OFFICE; VACANCIES. Members of the legislature shall take office upon election. Vacancies in legislative office shall be filled only by election as provided by law.