A proposal to create
ARTICLE VIII, s. 7, Fla. Const. and revise
ARTICLE XI, s. 3, Fla. Const.; providing that
the power of self-government of a county or
municipality may not be diminished except by
general law, county charter, or special act
approved by the electors of the county or
municipality; providing that a constitutional
initiative that limits the powers of
municipalities or limits the ability of
municipalities to raise revenue must be
approved by the electors of a municipality in
order to take effect within the municipality.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 7 is added to Article VIII of the
Florida Constitution to read:

ARTICLE VIII
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SECTION 7. County and municipal power of local
self-government.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this
Constitution other than the restrictions provided in Article
VIII, Section 4, county and municipal power of local
self-government with respect to matters of local concern shall
not be diminished except by general law enacted by the
legislature, county charter provision, or special act approved
by the electors of the respective county or municipality.

Section 2. Section 3 of Article XI of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3. Initiative.--The power to propose the revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter directly connected therewith. Any such initiative that limits the powers of municipalities or that limits or affects the authority or ability of municipalities to raise revenue shall not take effect in any particular municipality unless approved by a vote of the electors of that particular municipality. The initiative process may be invoked by filing with the secretary of state a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.