A proposal to revise

ARTICLE XI, ss. 3, 5, Fla. Const.; authorizing
the use of random samples to verify names on
initiative petitions and providing procedures
for submitting and verifying petitions.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Sections 3 and 5 of Article XI of the
Florida Constitution are revised by amending those sections to
read:

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3. Initiative.--The power to propose the
revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this
costitution 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. It 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. Names on petitions may be verified using a
name-by-name, signature-by-signature check or by means of a
random sample as authorized by law.

SECTION 5. Amendment or revision election.--

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(a) A proposed amendment to or revision of this constitution, or any part of it, shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the joint resolution, initiative petition or report of revision commission, constitutional convention or taxation and budget reform commission proposing it is filed with the secretary of state, unless, pursuant to law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature and limited to a single amendment or revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after such filing.

(b) Petitions for an initiative pursuant to section 3 shall be submitted to the appropriate supervisor of elections for verification as provided by law. Supervisors must submit the results of their verification to the Secretary of State no later than the 91st day prior to the general election.

(c) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county in which a newspaper is published.

(d) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved by vote of the electors, it shall be effective as an amendment to or revision of the constitution of the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election, or on such other date as may be specified in the amendment or revision.

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