Proposal No. 81

By Commissioner Rundle

A proposal to revise
ARTICLE XI, s. 3, Fla. Const.; authorizing supervisors of elections to conduct random signature checks on initiative petitions; specifying time for submitting initiative petitions to supervisors of elections for verification of signatures.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 3 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

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. 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. The supervisor of elections in each county may verify the names on an initiative petition by a name-by-name, signature-by-signature, check of the number of authorized

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signatures on the petition or by a check of a random sample. The supervisor shall notify a petitioner of the method chosen for a particular initiative petition. A petition that is to be checked name-by-name must be submitted to the supervisor of elections at least one hundred and fifty-one days prior to the general election. A petition that is to be checked by random sampling must be submitted to the supervisor of elections at least one hundred and twenty-one days before the general election.