By Commissioner Wetherington

A proposal to revise
ARTICLE V, s. 1, Fla. Const.; allowing the legislature to establish by general law a system of family magistrates.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

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

ARTICLE V
JUDICIARY
SECTION 1. Courts.--The judicial power shall be vested in a supreme court, district courts of appeal, circuit courts and county courts. No other courts may be established by the state, any political subdivision or any municipality. The legislature shall, by general law, divide the state into appellate court districts and judicial circuits following county lines. Commissions established by law, or administrative officers or bodies may be granted quasi-judicial power in matters connected with the functions of their offices. The legislature may establish by general law a civil traffic hearing officer system for the purpose of hearing civil traffic infractions. The legislature may establish by general law, or the supreme court may establish by rule, a family court magistrate system to hear family law matters. If established, the family court magistrate system shall be funded by the state.

CODING: Words struck are deletions; words underlined are additions.