A proposal to revise

ARTICLE III, s. 3, Fla. Const.; increasing the
length of the regular legislative session and
including a mandatory recess; deleting
authorization for extending a regular session;
deleting limits on business that may be taken
up during an extended special session.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

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

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.--

(a) ORGANIZATION SESSIONS. On the fourteenth day
following each general election the legislature shall convene
for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of
officers.

(b) REGULAR SESSIONS. A regular session of the
legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first
Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the first
Tuesday after the first Monday in March, or such other date as
may be fixed by law, of each even-numbered year.

(c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

(1) The governor, by proclamation stating the purpose,
may convene the legislature in special session during which
only such legislative business may be transacted as is within
the purview of the proclamation, or of a communication from

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
the governor, or is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the
membership of each house.

(2) A special session of the legislature may be
convened as provided by law.

(d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the
legislature shall not exceed one hundred twenty six
consecutive days, with a mandatory thirty-day recess
commencing at the end of the forty-fifth consecutive day and
terminating at the end of the seventy-fifth consecutive day.

A special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive
days, unless extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote
of each house. During such an extension no new business may be
taken up in either house without the consent of two-thirds of
its membership.

(e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more
than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to
concurrent resolution.

(f) ADJOURNMENT BY GOVERNOR. If, during any regular
or special session, the two houses cannot agree upon a time
for adjournment, the governor may adjourn the session sine die
or to any date within the period authorized for such session;
provided that, at least twenty-four hours before adjourning
the session, he shall, while neither house is in recess, give
each house formal written notice of his intention to do so,
and agreement reached within that period by both houses on a
time for adjournment shall prevail.