A proposal to revise

ARTICLE III, s. 15, Fla. Const., and ARTICLE VI, s. 4, Fla. Const.; increasing the term of office of state representatives and state senators; increasing the number of years such officers may serve.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 15 of Article III of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 15. Terms and qualifications of legislators.--

(a) SENATORS. Senators shall be elected for terms of six years, those from odd-numbered districts the number in the years the numbers of which is divisible by three in each even-numbered year the number of which is a multiple of three; those from even-numbered districts the number of which is not divisible by three in the second year following an even-numbered year the number of which is a multiple of three; and those from odd-numbered districts the number of which is not divisible by three in the fourth year following an even-numbered year the number of which is a multiple of three are multiples of four and those from even-numbered districts in even-numbered years the numbers of which are not multiples of four; except, at the election next following a reapportionment, some senators shall be elected for terms of two years and some for terms of four years when necessary to maintain staggered terms.

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(b) REPRESENTATIVES. Members of the house of representatives shall be elected for terms of four years, those from odd-numbered districts in the years the numbers of which are multiples of four and those from even-numbered districts in even-numbered years the numbers of which are not multiples of four; except, at the election next following a reapportionment, some representatives shall be elected for terms of two years when necessary to maintain staggered terms in each even-numbered year.

(c) QUALIFICATIONS. Each legislator shall be at least twenty-one years of age, an elector and resident of the district from which elected and shall have resided in the state for a period of two years prior to election.

(d) ASSUMING OFFICE; VACANCIES. Members of the legislature shall take office upon election. Vacancies in legislative office shall be filled only by election as provided by law.

Section 2. Section 4 of Article VI of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE VI

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 4. Disqualifications.--

(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.

(b) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:

(1) Florida representative, or

(2) Florida senator;

(3) Florida Lieutenant governor.

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(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
(6) U.S. Senator from Florida

if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will
have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in
that office for twelve eight consecutive years.

(c) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election
to any of the following offices:

(1) Florida lieutenant governor,
(2) Any office of the Florida cabinet,
(3) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
(4) U.S. Senator from Florida

if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will
have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in
that office for eight consecutive years.

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