A proposal to revise

ARTICLE III, s. 3, Fla. Const.; providing for
length of regular legislative sessions.

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
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.

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
(d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall not exceed sixty consecutive days, during the first sixty days of which the legislature may meet only in committee. The first sixty days shall be followed by a fourteen-day recess, after which the legislature shall reconvene for another forty-five days. A special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days. A session may be, 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.