A proposal to revise
ARTICLE III, s. 4, Fla. Const.; deleting the
authority of each house of the Legislature to
be the sole judge for the interpretation,
implementation, and enforcement of section 4 of
Article III of the constitution.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 4 of Article III of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 4. Quorum and procedure.--
(a) A majority of the membership of each house shall
constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day
to day and compel the presence of absent members in such
manner and under such penalties as it may prescribe. Each
house shall determine its rules of procedure.
(b) Sessions of each house shall be public; except
sessions of the senate when considering appointment to or
removal from public office may be closed.
(c) Each house shall keep and publish a journal of its
proceedings; and upon the request of five members present, the
vote of each member voting on any question shall be entered on
the journal. In any legislative committee or subcommittee,
the vote of each member voting on the final passage of any
legislation pending before the committee, and upon the request
of any two members of the committee or subcommittee, the vote
of each member on any other question, shall be recorded.

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(d) Each house may punish a member for contempt or disorderly conduct and, by a two-thirds vote of its membership, may expel a member.

(e) The rules of procedure of each house shall provide that all legislative committee and subcommittee meetings of each house, and joint conference committee meetings, shall be open and noticed to the public. The rules of procedure of each house shall further provide that all prearranged gatherings, between more than two members of the legislature, or between the governor, the president of the senate, or the speaker of the house of representatives, the purpose of which is to agree upon legislative action that will be taken at a subsequent time, or at which legislative action is taken, regarding pending legislation or amendments, shall be reasonably open to the public. All open meetings shall be subject to order and decorum. This section shall be implemented and defined by the rules of each house, and such rules shall control admission to the floor of each legislative chamber and may, where reasonably necessary for security purposes or to protect a witness appearing before a committee, provide for the closure of committee meetings. Each house shall be the sole judge for the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of this section.

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