Committee Substitute for Proposal No. 170

By the Committee on Executive and Commissioner Mills

A proposal to create

ARTICLE IV, s. 14, Fla. Const.; providing for
the establishment of a Citizens Advocate to be
appointed by the Governor to aid the public in
obtaining redress of grievances arising from
administrative actions of state agencies or
local governments.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 14 of Article IV of the Florida
Constitution is revised by creating that section to read:

ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE
SECTION 14. Citizens advocate.--The office of citizens
advocate is hereby established for the purpose of assisting
the public in redressing their grievances with administrative
agencies. The office of citizens assistance is hereby
repealed. The citizens advocate shall be appointed by the
governor, subject to confirmation of the senate, for a
four-year term. The citizens advocate shall assist the public,
investigate complaints arising from administrative actions of
state agencies as provided by law, seek an appropriate remedy,
and report to the legislature and the public on agency
performance and responsiveness. The legislature shall provide
for the implementation of this section, including protection
of confidentiality of complainants and witnesses when
necessary.

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