

1                                   A proposal to revise  
2           ARTICLE III, s. 8, Fla. Const.; increasing the  
3           length of time within which the governor may  
4           veto legislation.

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6   It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
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9           Section 1. Section 8 of Article III of the Florida  
10   Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

11                                   ARTICLE III

12                                   LEGISLATURE

13           SECTION 8. Executive approval and veto.--

14           (a) Every bill passed by the legislature shall be  
15   presented to the governor for his approval and shall become a  
16   law if he approves and signs it, or fails to veto it within  
17   seven consecutive days after presentation. If during that  
18   period or on the seventh day the legislature adjourns sine die  
19   or takes a recess of more than thirty days, or if the  
20   legislature adjourns sine die before presentation of the bill,  
21   the governor ~~he~~ shall have thirty ~~fifteen~~ consecutive days  
22   from the date of presentation to act on the bill. In all  
23   cases except general appropriation bills, the veto shall  
24   extend to the entire bill. The governor may veto any specific  
25   appropriation in a general appropriation bill, but may not  
26   veto any qualification or restriction without also vetoing the  
27   appropriation to which it relates.

28           (b) When a bill or any specific appropriation of a  
29   general appropriation bill has been vetoed by the governor,  
30   the governor ~~he~~ shall transmit his or her signed objections  
31   thereto to the house in which the bill originated if in

1 session. If that house is not in session, the governor ~~he~~  
 2 shall file them with the secretary of state, who shall lay  
 3 them before that house at its next regular or special session,  
 4 and they shall be entered on its journal.

5 (c) If each house shall, by a two-thirds vote,  
 6 re-enact the bill or reinstate the vetoed specific  
 7 appropriation of a general appropriation bill, the vote of  
 8 each member voting shall be entered on the respective  
 9 journals, and the bill shall become law or the specific  
 10 appropriation reinstated, the veto notwithstanding.

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