

By the Committee on Judicial & Commissioners Sundberg & Zack

22 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
23 that:

25                   Section 1. Section 14 of Article V of the Florida  
26 Constitution is revised by amending that section, and section  
27 21 is added to Article V of the Florida Constitution, to read:

28 | ARTICLE V

## JUDICIARY

30 SECTION 14. Judicial salaries.--

1       (a) All justices and judges shall be compensated only  
2 by state salaries fixed by general law. All other salaries,  
3 costs, and expenses of the judiciary, state attorneys, public  
4 defenders, including court-appointed counsel, and clerks of  
5 the circuit court performing judicial functions, and their  
6 respective staffs, shall, except as otherwise provided in this  
7 section, be funded from state revenues appropriated by general  
8 law. No county or municipality shall be obligated to pay for  
9 any salaries, costs, or expenses of the judiciary, state  
10 attorneys, public defenders, or clerks of the circuit court  
11 performing judicial functions, or their respective staffs,  
12 except as otherwise provided in this section.

13       (b) Counties shall be responsible for funding the cost  
14 of construction, maintenance, utilities, and security of  
15 facilities for the trial courts, public defenders, state  
16 attorneys, and clerks of the circuit court, and their  
17 respective staffs.

18       (c) The judiciary shall have no power to fix  
19 appropriations.

20       SECTION 21. Schedule to Article V Amendments.--

21       (a) Commencing with fiscal year 2000-2001, the  
22 legislature shall appropriate funds to pay for the expenses  
23 set forth in the amendment to Section 14 of Article V pursuant  
24 to a phase-in schedule established by general law.

25       (b) Nothing contained in the amendment to Section 14  
26 shall preclude the legislature by law from requiring that  
27 counties remit to the state, in accordance with the phase-in  
28 schedule for this amendment, fines, costs, and forfeitures  
29 retained by counties for the sole purpose of funding the  
30 operation of the trial courts, state attorneys, and public  
31 defenders.

1       (c) Unless otherwise provided herein, the amendment to  
2 Section 14 shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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