

1                                   A proposal to revise  
2       ARTICLE V, s. 14, Fla. Const.; providing for  
3       salaries, costs, and expenses of the judiciary,  
4       state attorneys, public defenders, and clerks  
5       of the circuit court, and their respective  
6       staffs, to be funded from state revenues  
7       appropriated by general law; providing for  
8       counties to fund the cost of construction,  
9       maintenance, utilities, and security of  
10      facilities for the judiciary, public defenders,  
11      state attorneys, and clerks of the circuit  
12      court, and their respective staffs.

13  
14   It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
15   that:

16  
17           Section 1.   Section 14 of Article V of the Florida  
18   Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

19                                   ARTICLE V

20                                   JUDICIARY

21           SECTION 14.   ~~Funding Judicial salaries.--~~

22           (a) All justices and judges shall be compensated only  
23   by state salaries fixed by general law. Funding for the state  
24   courts system, state attorneys' offices, public defenders'  
25   offices, and court-appointed counsel shall, except as  
26   otherwise provided in subsection (c), be provided from state  
27   revenues appropriated by general law.

28           (b) All funding for the offices of the clerks of the  
29   circuit and county courts performing court-related functions  
30   shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection and  
31   subsection (c), be provided by adequate and appropriate filing

1 fees for judicial proceedings and service charges and costs  
2 for performing court-related functions as required by general  
3 law. Selected salaries, costs, and expenses of the state  
4 courts system may be funded from appropriate filing fees for  
5 judicial proceedings and service charges and costs for  
6 performing court-related functions, as provided by general  
7 law. Where the requirements of either the United States  
8 Constitution or the Constitution of the State of Florida  
9 preclude the imposition of filing fees for judicial  
10 proceedings and service charges and costs for performing  
11 court-related functions sufficient to fund the court-related  
12 functions of the offices of the clerks of the circuit and  
13 county courts, the state shall provide, as determined by the  
14 legislature, adequate and appropriate supplemental funding  
15 from state revenues appropriated by general law.  
16 (c) No county or municipality shall, except as  
17 provided in this subsection, be required to provide any  
18 funding for the state courts system, state attorneys' offices,  
19 public defenders' offices, court-appointed counsel or the  
20 offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts.  
21 Counties shall be required to fund the cost of construction or  
22 lease, maintenance, utilities, and security of facilities for  
23 the trial courts, public defenders' offices, state attorneys'  
24 offices, and the offices of the clerks of the circuit and  
25 county courts performing court-related functions. Counties  
26 shall also pay reasonable and necessary salaries, costs and  
27 expenses of the state courts system, state attorneys, public  
28 defenders, and the clerks of the circuit court when performing  
29 court-related functions to meet local requirements as  
30 determined by general law.  
31

1        (d) The judiciary shall have no power to fix  
2 appropriations.  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31