

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.

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14 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
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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 communications
22 services, existing radio systems, existing multi-agency
23 criminal justice information systems, and the cost of
24 construction or lease, maintenance, utilities, and security of
25 facilities for the trial courts, public defenders' offices,
26 state attorneys' offices, and the offices of the clerks of the
27 circuit and county courts performing court-related functions.
28 Counties shall also pay reasonable and necessary salaries and
29 costs and expenses of the state courts system to meet local
30 requirements as determined by general law.
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1 (d) The judiciary shall have no power to fix
2 appropriations.
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