

By Commissioner Henderson

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE II, s. 7, Fla. Const.; providing a
3 right to clean and healthful air and water and
4 to protection of other natural resources.

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6 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
7 that:

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9 Section 1. Section 7 of Article II of the Florida
10 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

11 ARTICLE II

12 GENERAL PROVISIONS

13 SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.--

14 (a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve
15 and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate
16 provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and
17 water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise.

18 (b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who
19 cause water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or
20 the Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily
21 responsible for paying the costs of the abatement of that
22 pollution. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms
23 "Everglades Protection Area" and "Everglades Agricultural
24 Area" shall have the meanings as defined in statutes in effect
25 on January 1, 1996.

26 (c) The natural resources of the state are the heritage
27 of present and future generations. The right of each person to
28 clean and healthful air and water and to the protection of the
29 other natural resources of the state shall not be infringed by
30 any person.

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