

By the Committee on General Provisions & Commissioner Anthony

1 A proposal to create
2 ARTICLE VIII, s. 7, Fla. Const. and revise
3 ARTICLE XI, s. 3, Fla. Const.; providing that
4 the power of self-government of a county or
5 municipality may not be diminished except by
6 general law, county charter, or special act
7 approved by the electors of the county or
8 municipality; providing that a constitutional
9 initiative that limits the powers of
10 municipalities or limits the ability of
11 municipalities to raise revenue must be
12 approved by the electors of a municipality in
13 order to take effect within the municipality.

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15 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
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18 Section 1. Section 7 is added to Article VIII of the
19 Florida Constitution to read:

20 ARTICLE VIII

21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

22 SECTION 7. County and municipal power of local
23 self-government.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this
24 Constitution other than the restrictions provided in Article
25 VIII, Section 4, county and municipal power of local
26 self-government with respect to matters of local concern shall
27 not be diminished except by general law enacted by the
28 legislature, county charter provision, or special act approved
29 by the electors of the respective county or municipality.

30 Section 2. Section 3 of Article XI of the Florida
31 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3. Initiative.--The power to propose the revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter directly connected therewith. Any such initiative that limits the powers of municipalities or that limits or affects the authority or ability of municipalities to raise revenue shall not take effect in any particular municipality unless approved by a vote of the electors of that particular municipality. The initiative process ~~It~~ may be invoked by filing with the secretary of state a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.