

By the Committee on Bonding and Investments and Commissioner Nabors

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE VII, s. 11, Fla. Const.; providing for
3 state bonds pledging all or part of a dedicated
4 state tax revenue or the full faith and credit
5 of the state for certain uses as provided by
6 general law.

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8 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
9 that:

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11 Section 1. Section 11 of Article VII of the Florida
12 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

13 ARTICLE VII

14 FINANCE AND TAXATION

15 SECTION 11. State bonds; revenue bonds.--

16 (a) State bonds pledging the full faith and credit of
17 the state may be issued only to finance or refinance the cost
18 of state fixed capital outlay projects authorized by law, and
19 purposes incidental thereto, upon approval by a vote of the
20 electors; provided state bonds issued pursuant to this
21 subsection may be refunded without a vote of the electors at a
22 lower net average interest cost rate. The total outstanding
23 principal of state bonds issued pursuant to this subsection
24 shall never exceed fifty percent of the total tax revenues of
25 the state for the two preceding fiscal years, excluding any
26 tax revenues held in trust under the provisions of this
27 constitution.

28 (b) Moneys sufficient to pay debt service on state
29 bonds as the same becomes due shall be appropriated by law.

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1 (c) Any state bonds pledging the full faith and credit
2 of the state issued under this section or any other section of
3 this constitution may be combined for the purposes of sale.

4 (d) Revenue bonds may be issued by the state or its
5 agencies without a vote of the electors to finance or
6 refinance the cost of state fixed capital outlay projects
7 authorized by law, and purposes incidental thereto, and shall
8 be payable ~~solely~~ from funds derived directly from sources
9 other than state tax revenues.

10 (e) State bonds pledging all or part of a dedicated
11 state tax revenue or the full faith and credit of the state
12 may be issued by the state in the manner provided by general
13 law to finance or refinance:

14 (1) The acquisition and improvement of land, water
15 areas, and related interests and resources for the purpose of
16 the conservation, recreation, or restoration of natural
17 systems; and

18 (2) The construction, improvement, or renovation of
19 public schools and facilities for institutions of higher
20 learning, community colleges, and vocational technical
21 schools.

22 (f)~~(e)~~ Each project, building, or facility to be
23 financed or refinanced with revenue bonds issued under this
24 section shall first be approved by the Legislature by an act
25 relating to appropriations or by general law.