

By Commissioner Langley

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

11                   Section 1. Section 10 of Article V of the Florida  
12 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

15 SECTION 10. Retention, Election and terms.--

16 (a) Any justice of the supreme court or any judge of a  
17 district court of appeal may qualify for retention by a vote  
18 of the electors in the general election next preceding the  
19 expiration of his term in the manner prescribed by law. If a  
20 justice or judge is ineligible or fails to qualify for  
21 retention, a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the  
22 expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge.  
23 When a justice of the supreme court or a judge of a district  
24 court of appeal so qualifies, the ballot shall read  
25 substantially as follows: "Shall Justice (or Judge) ... (name  
26 of justice or judge) ... of the ... (name of the court) ... be  
27 retained in office?" If a majority of the qualified electors  
28 voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote  
29 to retain, the justice or judge shall be retained for a term  
30 of six years commencing on the first Tuesday after the first  
31 Monday in January following the general election. If a

1 majority of the qualified electors voting within the  
2 territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to not retain, a  
3 vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the  
4 term being served by the justice or judge.

5 (a) Justices of the supreme court, judges of  
6 district courts of appeal, circuit judges, and judges of  
7 county courts shall be elected by vote of the qualified  
8 electors within the territorial jurisdiction of their  
9 respective courts. The terms of justices of the supreme  
10 court, judges of a district court of appeal, and circuit  
11 judges shall be for six years. The terms of judges of county  
12 courts shall be for four years.

13 (b) The legislature, by general law, shall provide for  
14 public financing of all judicial elections.

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