

By Commissioner Rundle

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE XI, s. 3, Fla. Const.; authorizing
3 supervisors of elections to conduct random
4 signature checks on initiative petitions;
5 specifying time for submitting initiative
6 petitions to supervisors of elections for
7 verification of signatures.

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9 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
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12 Section 1. Section 3 of Article XI of the Florida
13 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

14 ARTICLE XI
15 AMENDMENTS

16 SECTION 3. Initiative.--The power to propose the
17 revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this
18 constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided
19 that, any such revision or amendment, except for those
20 limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall
21 embrace but one subject and matter directly connected
22 therewith. It may be invoked by filing with the secretary of
23 state a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or
24 amendment, signed by a number of electors in each of one half
25 of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state
26 as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each
27 of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in
28 the last preceding election in which presidential electors
29 were chosen. The supervisor of elections in each county may
30 verify the names on an initiative petition by a name-by-name,
31 signature-by-signature, check of the number of authorized

1 signatures on the petition or by a check of a random sample.
2 The supervisor shall notify a petitioner of the method chosen
3 for a particular initiative petition. A petition that is to be
4 checked name-by-name must be submitted to the supervisor of
5 elections at least one hundred and fifty-one days prior to the
6 general election. A petition that is to be checked by random
7 sampling must be submitted to the supervisor of elections at
8 least one hundred and twenty-one days before the general
9 election.
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