

By Commissioner Wetherington

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE V, s. 1, Fla. Const.; allowing the
3 legislature to establish by general law a
4 system of family magistrates.

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

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

11 ARTICLE V
12 JUDICIARY

13 SECTION 1. Courts.--The judicial power shall be vested
14 in a supreme court, district courts of appeal, circuit courts
15 and county courts. No other courts may be established by the
16 state, any political subdivision or any municipality. The
17 legislature shall, by general law, divide the state into
18 appellate court districts and judicial circuits following
19 county lines. Commissions established by law, or
20 administrative officers or bodies may be granted
21 quasi-judicial power in matters connected with the functions
22 of their offices. The legislature may establish by general law
23 a civil traffic hearing officer system for the purpose of
24 hearing civil traffic infractions. The legislature may
25 establish by general law, or the supreme court may establish
26 by rule, a family court magistrate system to hear family law
27 matters. If established, the family court magistrate system
28 shall be funded by the state.

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