

By Commissioner Evans

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

11 Section 1. Section 16 of Article I of the Florida
12 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

15 SECTION 16. Rights of accused and of victims.--

30 (b) Victims of crime or their lawful representatives,
31 including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to

1 the right to be informed, to be present, and to be heard when
2 relevant, at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to
3 the extent that these rights do not interfere with the
4 constitutional rights of the accused.

5 (c) A person falsely charged with a crime shall be
6 reimbursed by the state for reasonable and necessary costs of
7 a successful defense whenever the charges are dismissed or the
8 person is acquitted.

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