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1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE III, s. 15, Fla. Const.; requiring
3 additional qualifications of candidates for,
4 and members of, the state legislature.

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

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9 Section 1. Section 15 of Article III of the Florida
10 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

11 ARTICLE III
12 LEGISLATURE

13 SECTION 15. Terms and qualifications of legislators.--

14 (a) SENATORS. Senators shall be elected for terms of
15 four years, those from odd-numbered districts in the years the
16 numbers of which are multiples of four and those from
17 even-numbered districts in even-numbered years the numbers of
18 which are not multiples of four; except, at the election next
19 following a reapportionment, some senators shall be elected
20 for terms of two years when necessary to maintain staggered
21 terms.

22 (b) REPRESENTATIVES. Members of the house of
23 representatives shall be elected for terms of two years in
24 each even-numbered year.

25 (c) QUALIFICATIONS. Each legislator must ~~shall~~ be at
26 least twenty-one years of age, must have been an elector and
27 resident of the district from which elected for at least one
28 year before election, must remain an elector and resident of
29 that district during the entire term of office, and must shall
30 have resided in the state for a period of two years before
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1 (d) ASSUMING OFFICE; VACANCIES. Members of the
2 legislature shall take office upon election. Vacancies in
3 legislative office shall be filled only by election as
4 provided by law.
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