

By Commissioner Evans-Jones

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE IV, s. 5, Fla. Const.; providing for
3 election of public service commissioners.
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5 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
6 that:
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8 Section 1. Section 5 of Article IV of the Florida
9 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

10 ARTICLE IV

11 EXECUTIVE

12 SECTION 5. Election of governor, lieutenant governor,
13 ~~and~~ cabinet members, and public service commissioners;
14 qualifications; terms.--

15 (a) At a state-wide general election in each calendar
16 year the number of which is even but not a multiple of four,
17 the electors shall choose a governor and a lieutenant governor
18 and members of the cabinet each for a term of four years
19 beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
20 January of the succeeding year. In the general election and
21 in party primaries, if held, all candidates for the offices of
22 governor and lieutenant governor shall form joint candidacies
23 in a manner prescribed by law so that each voter shall cast a
24 single vote for a candidate for governor and a candidate for
25 lieutenant governor running together.

26 (b) When elected, the governor, lieutenant governor
27 and each cabinet member must be an elector not less than
28 thirty years of age who has resided in the state for the
29 preceding seven years. The attorney general must have been a
30 member of the bar of Florida for the preceding five years. No
31 person who has, or but for resignation would have, served as

1 governor or acting governor for more than six years in two
2 consecutive terms shall be elected governor for the succeeding
3 term.

4 (c) The Florida Public Service Commission shall
5 consist of five commissioners, each of whom is elected at a
6 statewide general election for a term of 4 years. Provision
7 shall be made for staggered terms, and qualifications of
8 commissioners shall be prescribed, by general law.