

By Commissioner Corr

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

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

14 SECTION 10. Retention; election and terms.--

(a) Any justice of the supreme court or any judge of a district court of appeal may qualify for retention by a vote of the electors in the general election next preceding the expiration of his term in the manner prescribed by law. If a justice or judge is ineligible or fails to qualify for retention, a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge. When a justice of the supreme court or a judge of a district court of appeal so qualifies, the ballot shall read substantially as follows: "Shall Justice (or Judge) ... (name of justice or judge) ... of the ... (name of the court) ... be retained in office?" If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to retain, the justice or judge shall be retained for a term of six years commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the general election. If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the

1 territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to not retain, a  
2 vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the  
3 term being served by the justice or judge.

4 (b) Circuit judges and judges of county courts shall  
5 be elected by vote of the qualified electors within the  
6 territorial jurisdiction of their respective courts. The  
7 terms of circuit judges shall be for six years. The terms of  
8 judges of county courts shall be for four years.

9 (c) Judicial candidates are prohibited from soliciting  
10 and accepting campaign contributions from any member of The  
11 Florida Bar.

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