

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE XI, Fla. Const.; repealing s. 6,
3 relating to the Taxation and Budget Reform
4 Commission.

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

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9 Section 1. Section 6 of Article XI of the Florida
10 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

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12 ARTICLE XI
13 AMENDMENTS

14 SECTION 6. Taxation and budget reform commission.--

15 (a) Beginning in 2007 ~~1990~~ and each twentieth ~~tenth~~
16 year thereafter, there shall be established a taxation and
17 budget reform commission composed of the following members:

18 (1) eleven members selected by the governor, none of
19 whom shall be a member of the legislature at the time of
20 appointment.

21 (2) seven members selected by the speaker of the house
22 of representatives and seven members selected by the president
23 of the senate, none of whom shall be a member of the
24 legislature at the time of appointment.

25 (3) four non-voting ex officio members, all of whom
26 shall be members of the legislature at the time of
27 appointment. Two of these members, one of whom shall be a
28 member of the minority party in the house of representatives,
29 shall be selected by the speaker of the house of
30 representatives, and two of these members, one of whom shall

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1 be a member of the minority party in the senate, shall be
2 selected by the president of the senate.

3 (b) Vacancies in the membership of the commission
4 shall be filled in the same manner as the original
5 appointments.

6 (c) At its initial meeting, the members of the
7 commission shall elect a member who is not a member of the
8 legislature to serve as chairperson ~~chairman~~ and the
9 commission shall adopt its rules of procedure. Thereafter,
10 the commission shall convene at the call of the chairperson
11 ~~chairman~~. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the full
12 commission ~~and the concurrence of a majority of the members~~
13 ~~appointed by the governor pursuant to paragraph (a)(1), a~~
14 ~~concurrence of a majority of the members appointed by the~~
15 ~~speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to paragraph~~
16 ~~(a)(2), and a concurrence of a majority of the members~~
17 ~~appointed by the president of the senate pursuant to paragraph~~
18 ~~(a)(2)~~ shall be necessary for any revision of this
19 constitution or any part of it to be proposed by the
20 commission.

21 (d) The commission shall examine the state budgetary
22 process, the revenue needs and expenditure processes of the
23 state, the appropriateness of the tax structure of the state,
24 and governmental productivity and efficiency; review policy as
25 it relates to the ability of state and local government to tax
26 and adequately fund governmental operations and capital
27 facilities required to meet the state's needs during the next
28 twenty ten ~~ten~~ year period; determine methods favored by the
29 citizens of the state to fund the needs of the state,
30 including alternative methods for raising sufficient revenues
31 for the needs of the state; determine measures that could be

1 instituted to effectively gather funds from existing tax
2 sources; examine constitutional limitations on taxation and
3 expenditures at the state and local level; and review the
4 state's comprehensive planning, budgeting and needs assessment
5 processes to determine whether the resulting information
6 adequately supports a strategic decisionmaking process.
7 (e) The commission shall hold public hearings as it
8 deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this
9 section. The commission shall issue a report of the results
10 of the review carried out, and propose to the legislature any
11 recommended statutory changes related to the taxation or
12 budgetary laws of the state. Not later than one hundred
13 eighty days prior to the general election in the second year
14 following the year in which the commission is established, the
15 commission shall file with the secretary of state its
16 proposal, if any, of a revision of this constitution or any
17 part of it dealing with taxation or the state budgetary
18 process.
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