

By Commissioner Ford-Coates

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE VI, s. 5, Fla. Const.; providing for
3 primary elections.

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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 VI of the Florida
9 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

10 ARTICLE VI

11 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

12 SECTION 5. Primary, general, and special elections.--

13 (a) A primary election shall be held in each county as
14 provided by general law. If all candidates for an office
15 represent the same political party and the winner will have no
16 opposition in the general election, all qualified electors may
17 vote in that primary election for that office regardless of
18 their political party registration.

19 (b) A general election shall be held in each county on
20 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each
21 even-numbered year to choose a successor to each elective
22 state and county officer whose term will expire before the
23 next general election and, except as provided herein, to fill
24 each vacancy in elective office for the unexpired portion of
25 the term. A general election may be suspended or delayed due
26 to a state of emergency or impending emergency pursuant to
27 general law. Special elections and referenda shall be held as
28 provided by law.

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