

By Commissioner Mathis

1                                   A proposal to revise  
2           ARTICLE IX, s. 1, Fla. Const.; providing for  
3           free public schools and universities.  
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5 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
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8           Section 1. Section 1 of Article IX of the Florida  
9 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

10                                   ARTICLE IX

11                                   EDUCATION

12           SECTION 1. System of public education.--

13           (a) It is the paramount duty of the state to make  
14 ample provision for all of the children residing within its  
15 borders, without distinction or preference.

16           (b) The Legislature shall provide a uniform system of  
17 public schools and universities and shall provide for the  
18 maintenance of the same. Instruction in them shall be free.  
19 ~~Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform system~~  
20 ~~of free public schools and for the establishment, maintenance~~  
21 ~~and operation of institutions of higher learning and other~~  
22 ~~public education programs that the needs of the people may~~  
23 ~~require.~~  
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