

By Commissioner Scott

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE III, s. 16(a), Fla. Const.; providing
3 for the Legislature to apportion the state into
4 single-member senatorial districts of
5 contiguous territory and single-member
6 representative districts of contiguous
7 territory.

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9 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
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12 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16 of Article III
13 of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that
14 subsection to read:

15 ARTICLE III
16 LEGISLATURE

17 SECTION 16. Legislative apportionment.--

18 (a) SENATORIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS. The
19 legislature at its regular session in the second year
20 following each decennial census, by joint resolution, shall
21 apportion the state in accordance with the constitution of the
22 state and of the United States into not less than thirty nor
23 more than forty consecutively numbered, single-member,
24 senatorial districts of ~~either~~ contiguous, ~~overlapping or~~
25 ~~identical~~ territory, and into not less than eighty nor more
26 than one hundred twenty consecutively numbered, single-member,
27 representative districts of ~~either~~ contiguous, ~~overlapping or~~
28 ~~identical~~ territory. Should that session adjourn without
29 adopting such joint resolution, the governor by proclamation
30 shall reconvene the legislature within thirty days in special
31 apportionment session which shall not exceed thirty

1 consecutive days, during which no other business shall be
2 transacted, and it shall be the mandatory duty of the
3 legislature to adopt a joint resolution of apportionment.
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