

By the Committee on Executive and Commissioner Mills

A proposal to create

ARTICLE IV, s. 14, Fla. Const.; providing for the establishment of a Citizens Advocate to be appointed by the Governor to aid the public in obtaining redress of grievances arising from administrative actions of state agencies or local governments.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 14 of Article IV of the Florida Constitution is revised by creating that section to read:

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE

SECTION 14. Citizens advocate.--The office of citizens advocate is hereby established for the purpose of assisting the public in redressing their grievances with administrative agencies. The office of citizens assistance is hereby repealed. The citizens advocate shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation of the senate, for a four-year term. The citizens advocate shall assist the public, investigate complaints arising from administrative actions of state agencies as provided by law, seek an appropriate remedy, and report to the legislature and the public on agency performance and responsiveness. The legislature shall provide for the implementation of this section, including protection of confidentiality of complainants and witnesses when necessary.