

By Commissioner Riley

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

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

11 | ARTICLE VIII

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

13 | SECTION 1. Counties.--

18 (b) COUNTY FUNDS. The care, custody and method of
19 disbursing county funds shall be provided by general law.

20 (c) GOVERNMENT. Pursuant to general or special law, a
21 county government may be established by charter which shall be
22 adopted, amended or repealed only upon vote of the electors of
23 the county in a special election called for that purpose.

24 | (d) COUNTY OFFICERS.

25 (1) There shall be elected by the electors of each
26 county, for terms of four years, a sheriff, a tax collector, a
27 property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, and a clerk of
28 the circuit court; except, when provided by county charter or
29 special law approved by vote of the electors of the county,
30 any county officer may be chosen in another manner therein
31 specified, or any county office may be abolished when all the

1 duties of the office prescribed by general law are transferred
2 to another office. When not otherwise provided by county
3 charter or special law approved by vote of the electors, the
4 clerk of the circuit court shall be ex officio clerk of the
5 board of county commissioners, auditor, recorder and custodian
6 of all county funds.

7 (2) Any county may exercise the option to elect its
8 county officers in a nonpartisan election by either the filing
9 with the supervisor of elections of a petition signed by the
10 number of electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes
11 cast in the county in the last election in which presidential
12 electors were chosen, or by ordinance approved by the board of
13 county commissioners.

14 (e) COMMISSIONERS. Except when otherwise provided by
15 county charter, the governing body of each county shall be a
16 board of county commissioners composed of five or seven
17 members serving staggered terms of four years. After each
18 decennial census the board of county commissioners shall
19 divide the county into districts of contiguous territory as
20 nearly equal in population as practicable. One commissioner
21 residing in each district shall be elected as provided by law.

22 (f) NON-CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties not operating
23 under county charters shall have such power of self-government
24 as is provided by general or special law. The board of county
25 commissioners of a county not operating under a charter may
26 enact, in a manner prescribed by general law, county
27 ordinances not inconsistent with general or special law, but
28 an ordinance in conflict with a municipal ordinance shall not
29 be effective within the municipality to the extent of such
30 conflict.

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16 (j) VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES. Persons violating county
17 ordinances shall be prosecuted and punished as provided by
18 law.