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1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE III, s. 8, Fla. Const.; increasing the
3 length of time within which the governor may
4 veto legislation.

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

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9 Section 1. Section 8 of Article III of the Florida
10 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

11 ARTICLE III

12 LEGISLATURE

13 SECTION 8. Executive approval and veto.--

14 (a) Every bill passed by the legislature shall be
15 presented to the governor for his approval and shall become a
16 law if he approves and signs it, or fails to veto it within
17 fifteen ~~seven~~ consecutive days after presentation. If during
18 that period or on the fifteenth ~~seventh~~ day the legislature
19 adjourns sine die or takes a recess of more than thirty days,
20 or if the legislature adjourns sine die before presentation of
21 the bill, the governor ~~he~~ shall have thirty ~~fifteen~~
22 consecutive days from the date of presentation to act on the
23 bill. In all cases except general appropriation bills, the
24 veto shall extend to the entire bill. The governor may veto
25 any specific appropriation in a general appropriation bill,
26 but may not veto any qualification or restriction without also
27 vetoing the appropriation to which it relates.

28 (b) When a bill or any specific appropriation of a
29 general appropriation bill has been vetoed by the governor,
30 the governor ~~he~~ shall transmit his or her signed objections
31 thereto to the house in which the bill originated if in

1 session. If that house is not in session, the governor ~~he~~
2 shall file them with the secretary of state, who shall lay
3 them before that house at its next regular or special session,
4 and they shall be entered on its journal.

5 (c) If each house shall, by a two-thirds vote,
6 re-enact the bill or reinstate the vetoed specific
7 appropriation of a general appropriation bill, the vote of
8 each member voting shall be entered on the respective
9 journals, and the bill shall become law or the specific
10 appropriation reinstated, the veto notwithstanding.

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