

By Commissioner Riley

1                                   A proposal to revise  
2           ARTICLE III, s. 15, Fla. Const.; providing  
3           additional qualifications on candidates for,  
4           and members of, the state Legislature.

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

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9           Section 1. Section 15 of Article III of the Florida  
10 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

11                                   ARTICLE III

12                                   LEGISLATURE

13           SECTION 15. Terms and qualifications of legislators.--

14           (a) SENATORS. Senators shall be elected for terms of  
15 four years, those from odd-numbered districts in the years the  
16 numbers of which are multiples of four and those from  
17 even-numbered districts in even-numbered years the numbers of  
18 which are not multiples of four; except, at the election next  
19 following a reapportionment, some senators shall be elected  
20 for terms of two years when necessary to maintain staggered  
21 terms.

22           (b) REPRESENTATIVES. Members of the house of  
23 representatives shall be elected for terms of two years in  
24 each even-numbered year.

25           (c) QUALIFICATIONS. Each legislator must ~~shall~~ be at  
26 least twenty-one years of age, must have been an elector and  
27 resident of the district from which elected for at least one  
28 year before election, must remain an elector and resident of  
29 that district during the entire term of office, and must ~~shall~~  
30 have resided in the state for a period of two years before  
31 ~~prior to~~ election.

1           (d) ASSUMING OFFICE; VACANCIES. Members of the  
2 legislature shall take office upon election. Vacancies in  
3 legislative office shall be filled only by election as  
4 provided by law.  
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