

By Commissioner Zack

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE IX, s. 1, Fla. Const.; requiring that
3 public education be adequately funded in each
4 fiscal year; defining such adequate funding as
5 an annual appropriation for public education
6 which is at least 40 percent of total
7 appropriations under Article III, not including
8 lottery proceeds or federal funds; providing
9 that the minimum percentage is based on the
10 percentage appropriated for public education
11 from total appropriations in the 1986-1987
12 fiscal year.

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14 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
15 that:

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17 Section 1. Section 1 of Article IX of the Florida
18 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

19 ARTICLE IX
20 EDUCATION

21 SECTION 1. System of public education.--
22 (a) Adequate provision shall be made by law for a
23 uniform system of free public schools and for the
24 establishment, maintenance and operation of institutions of
25 higher learning and other public education programs that the
26 needs of the people may require.

27 (b) Adequate provision for funding public education
28 shall be required in each fiscal year, and is defined as the
29 appropriation of at least a minimum percentage of 40 percent
30 for public education from the total appropriations under
31 Article III in each fiscal year, not including lottery

1 proceeds or federal funds. The minimum percentage of 40
2 percent is based on the percentage appropriated for public
3 education from total appropriations in the 1986-1987 fiscal
4 year, not including federal funds, and prior to the
5 appropriation of proceeds from Florida lotteries.
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