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A proposal to create
a new section in Article I of the State Constitution
to establish a right to counsel for children in
dependency proceedings.

Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
Florida:

A new section is added to Article I of the State
Constitution to read:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

Right to counsel for children in dependency proceedings.-
Every child who has been removed from the custody of his or her
parents or a legal guardian by the state due to abuse or
neglect, or is otherwise placed in the jurisdiction of the
dependency court, has a right to counsel.