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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 7 of Article VI of the State Constitution to
3 remove the requirement that a method of public
4 financing for campaigns for statewide office be
5 established by law and to prohibit the expenditure of
6 any public funds on campaigns for state or local
7 elections.

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9 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
10 Florida:

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12 Section 7 of Article VI of the State Constitution is
13 amended to read:

14 ARTICLE VI

15 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

16 SECTION 7. Prohibition on expenditure of public funds for
17 campaign spending. Public funds may not be expended on any
18 campaign for a state or local election. ~~limits and funding of~~
19 ~~campaigns for elective state wide office. It is the policy of~~
20 ~~this state to provide for state wide elections in which all~~
21 ~~qualified candidates may compete effectively. A method of public~~
22 ~~financing for campaigns for state wide office shall be~~
23 ~~established by law. Spending limits shall be established for~~
24 ~~such campaigns for candidates who use public funds in their~~
25 ~~campaigns. The legislature shall provide funding for this~~
26 ~~provision. General law implementing this paragraph shall be at~~
27 ~~least as protective of effective competition by a candidate who~~
28 ~~uses public funds as the general law in effect on January 1,~~
29 ~~1998.~~