

By the Committee on General Provisions; and Commissioner
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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 7 of Article X of the State Constitution to
3 prohibit the drilling for exploration and extraction
4 of oil and natural gas in specified coastal waters.

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6 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
7 Florida:

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9 Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution is
10 amended to read:

11 ARTICLE II
12 GENERAL PROVISIONS

13 SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.—

14 (a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and
15 protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate
16 provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and
17 water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for
18 the conservation and protection of natural resources.

19 (b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause
20 water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the
21 Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for
22 paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the
23 purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection
24 Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings
25 as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

26 (c) To protect the people of Florida and their environment,
27 drilling for exploration or extraction of oil or natural gas is
28 prohibited on lands beneath all state waters which have not been
29 alienated and that lie between the mean high water line and the
30 outermost boundaries of the state's territorial seas. This
31 prohibition does not apply to the transportation of oil and gas

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32 products produced outside of such waters. This subsection is
33 self-executing.