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1                   A proposal to amend  
2           Section 7 of Article II 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

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30 outermost boundaries of the state's territorial seas. This  
31 prohibition does not apply to the transportation of oil and gas  
32 products produced outside of such waters. This subsection is  
33 self-executing.