

Amendment No. 5

Commissioner Martinez offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (Amendment No. 2) (with ballot statement amendment)

Remove line(s) 7-23 and insert:

(a) No person shall be deprived of the opportunity to select among public and private providers of public services, such as health care and education, as provided by general law. Requirements in this Constitution for the state to fund public services shall not be exclusive and shall not preclude the state from also funding private providers of alternative services. Consistent with this section, section 1 of Article IX shall not be interpreted to limit public funding of programs such as: charter schools, magnet schools, and virtual schools; student scholarship programs for private providers; and other programs as the needs of the people may require.

== B A L L O T S T A T E M E N T A M E N D M E N T ==

Remove lines 32-39 and insert:

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF PUBLIC SERVICES. - This amendment supercedes provisions of the State Constitution that currently limit the state's ability to fund or use private entities to provide public services. Under this amendment, individuals may choose among public and private providers of state-funded public services such as health care and education, as provided by general law.