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Senator Simmons moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the resolving clause  
and insert:

That the following amendment to Sections 2, 4, 11, 12, and  
14 of Article V of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall  
be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or  
rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special  
election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE V

JUDICIARY

SECTION 2. Administration; practice and procedure.—

(a) The supreme court shall adopt rules for the practice



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14 and procedure in all courts including the time for seeking  
15 appellate review, the administrative supervision of all courts,  
16 the transfer to the court having jurisdiction of any proceeding  
17 when the jurisdiction of another court has been improvidently  
18 invoked, and a requirement that no cause shall be dismissed  
19 because an improper remedy has been sought. The supreme court  
20 shall adopt rules to allow it ~~the court~~ and the district courts  
21 of appeal to submit questions relating to military law to the  
22 federal Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for an advisory  
23 opinion. Rules of court may be repealed by general law that  
24 expresses the policy behind the repeal enacted by two-thirds  
25 vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. The  
26 court may readopt the repealed rule only in conformity with the  
27 public policy expressed by the legislature. If the legislature  
28 repeals the readopted rule, the rule may not be readopted  
29 thereafter without prior approval of the legislature. The  
30 divisions of the court shall meet jointly to adopt rules or the  
31 court may designate a division to adopt any specific class of  
32 rules.

33 (b) The chief justice of the supreme court of Florida shall  
34 be chosen by a majority of the members of the court; shall be  
35 the chief administrative officer of the judicial system; and  
36 shall have the power to assign justices or judges, including  
37 consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any  
38 court for which the judge is qualified and to delegate to a  
39 chief judge of a judicial circuit the power to assign judges for  
40 duty in that circuit.

41 (c) A chief judge for each district court of appeal shall  
42 be chosen by a majority of the judges thereof or, if there is no



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43 majority, by the chief justice. The chief judge of a district  
44 court shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of  
45 the district court.

46 (d) A chief judge in each circuit shall be chosen from  
47 among the circuit judges as provided by supreme court rule. The  
48 chief judge of a circuit shall be responsible for the  
49 administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county  
50 courts in the ~~his~~ circuit.

51 SECTION 4. District courts of appeal.—

52 (a) ORGANIZATION.—There shall be a district court of appeal  
53 serving each appellate district. Each district court of appeal  
54 shall consist of at least three judges. Three judges shall  
55 consider each case and the concurrence of two shall be necessary  
56 to a decision.

57 (b) JURISDICTION.—

58 (1) District courts of appeal shall have jurisdiction to  
59 hear appeals, that may be taken as a matter of right, from final  
60 judgments or orders of trial courts, including those entered on  
61 review of administrative action, not directly appealable to the  
62 supreme court or a circuit court. They may review interlocutory  
63 orders in such cases to the extent provided by rules adopted by  
64 the supreme court.

65 (2) District courts of appeal shall have the power of  
66 direct review of administrative action, as prescribed by general  
67 law.

68 (3) A district court of appeal or any judge thereof may  
69 issue writs of habeas corpus returnable before the court or any  
70 judge thereof or before any circuit judge within the territorial  
71 jurisdiction of the court. A district court of appeal may issue



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72 writs of mandamus, certiorari, prohibition, quo warranto, and  
73 other writs necessary to the complete exercise of its  
74 jurisdiction. To the extent necessary to dispose of all issues  
75 in a cause properly before it, a district court of appeal may  
76 exercise any of the appellate jurisdiction of the circuit  
77 courts.

78 ~~(c) CLERKS AND MARSHALS. Each district court of appeal~~  
79 ~~shall appoint a clerk and a marshal who shall hold office during~~  
80 ~~the pleasure of the court and perform such duties as the court~~  
81 ~~directs. Their compensation shall be fixed by general law. The~~  
82 ~~marshal shall have the power to execute the process of the court~~  
83 ~~throughout the territorial jurisdiction of the court, and in any~~  
84 ~~county may deputize the sheriff or a deputy sheriff for such~~  
85 ~~purpose.~~

86 SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

87 (a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which  
88 election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the  
89 vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday  
90 after the first Monday in January of the year following the next  
91 general election occurring at least one year after the date of  
92 appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than  
93 six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating  
94 commission.

95 (b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court  
96 or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a  
97 majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending  
98 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the  
99 year following the next primary and general election occurring  
100 at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not



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101 fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by  
102 the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election  
103 shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the  
104 office beginning at the end of the appointed term.

105 (c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from  
106 the occurrence of a vacancy unless the period is extended by the  
107 governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor  
108 shall make the appointment within sixty days after the  
109 nominations have been certified to the governor.

110 (d) Each appointment of a justice of the supreme court is  
111 subject to confirmation by the senate. The senate may sit for  
112 the purpose of confirmation regardless of whether the house of  
113 representatives is in session or not. If the senate fails to  
114 vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice  
115 shall be deemed confirmed. If the senate votes to not confirm  
116 the appointment, the supreme court judicial nominating  
117 commission shall reconvene as though a new vacancy had occurred  
118 but may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to  
119 fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the senate. The  
120 appointment of a justice is effective upon confirmation by the  
121 senate.

122 (e) ~~(d)~~ There shall be a separate judicial nominating  
123 commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, one  
124 for each district court of appeal, and one for each judicial  
125 circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules  
126 of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating  
127 commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or  
128 any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a  
129 majority vote of the membership of each house of the



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130 legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring.  
131 Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions,  
132 the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be  
133 open to the public.

134 SECTION 12. Discipline; removal and retirement.-

135 (a) JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION.—A judicial  
136 qualifications commission is created.

137 (1) There shall be a judicial qualifications commission  
138 vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the  
139 Supreme Court of Florida the removal from office of any justice  
140 or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise,  
141 ~~occurring on or after November 1, 1966, (without regard to the~~  
142 ~~effective date of this section)~~ demonstrates a present unfitness  
143 to hold office, and to investigate and recommend the discipline  
144 of a justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or  
145 ~~otherwise occurring on or after November 1, 1966 (without regard~~  
146 ~~to the effective date of this section),~~ warrants such  
147 discipline. For purposes of this section, discipline is defined  
148 as any or all of the following: reprimand, fine, suspension with  
149 or without pay, or lawyer discipline. The commission shall have  
150 jurisdiction over justices and judges regarding allegations that  
151 misconduct occurred before or during service as a justice or  
152 judge if a complaint is made no later than one year following  
153 service as a justice or judge. The commission shall have  
154 jurisdiction regarding allegations of incapacity during service  
155 as a justice or judge. The commission shall be composed of:

156 a. Two judges of district courts of appeal selected by the  
157 judges of those courts, two circuit judges selected by the  
158 judges of the circuit courts and two judges of county courts



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159 selected by the judges of those courts;

160 b. Four electors who reside in the state, who are members  
161 of the bar of Florida, and who shall be chosen by the governing  
162 body of the bar of Florida; and

163 c. Five electors who reside in the state, who have never  
164 held judicial office or been members of the bar of Florida, and  
165 who shall be appointed by the governor.

166 (2) The members of the judicial qualifications commission  
167 shall serve staggered terms, not to exceed six years, as  
168 prescribed by general law. No member of the commission except a  
169 judge shall be eligible for state judicial office while acting  
170 as a member of the commission and for a period of two years  
171 thereafter. No member of the commission shall hold office in a  
172 political party or participate in any campaign for judicial  
173 office or hold public office; provided that a judge may campaign  
174 for judicial office and hold that office. The commission shall  
175 elect one of its members as its chairperson.

176 (3) Members of the judicial qualifications commission not  
177 subject to impeachment shall be subject to removal from the  
178 commission pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 7,  
179 Florida Constitution.

180 (4) The commission shall adopt rules regulating its  
181 proceedings, the filling of vacancies by the appointing  
182 authorities, the disqualification of members, the rotation of  
183 members between the panels, and the temporary replacement of  
184 disqualified or incapacitated members. The commission's rules,  
185 or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law ~~enacted by a~~  
186 ~~majority vote of the membership of each house of the~~  
187 ~~legislature,~~ or by the supreme court, five justices concurring.



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188 The commission shall have power to issue subpoenas. Until formal  
189 charges against a justice or judge are filed by the  
190 investigative panel with the clerk of the supreme court of  
191 Florida all proceedings by or before the commission shall be  
192 confidential; provided, however, upon a finding of probable  
193 cause and the filing by the investigative panel with said clerk  
194 of such formal charges against a justice or judge such charges  
195 and all further proceedings before the commission shall be  
196 public.

197 (5) The commission shall have access to all information  
198 from all executive, legislative and judicial agencies, including  
199 grand juries, subject to the rules of the commission. At any  
200 time, on request of the speaker of the house of representatives  
201 ~~or the governor~~, the commission shall make available to the  
202 house of representatives all information in the possession of  
203 the commission, which information shall remain confidential  
204 during any investigation and until such information is used in  
205 the pursuit for use in consideration of impeachment or  
206 suspension, respectively.

207 (b) PANELS.—The commission shall be divided into an  
208 investigative panel and a hearing panel as established by rule  
209 of the commission. The investigative panel is vested with the  
210 jurisdiction to receive or initiate complaints, conduct  
211 investigations, dismiss complaints, and upon a vote of a simple  
212 majority of the panel submit formal charges to the hearing  
213 panel. The hearing panel is vested with the authority to receive  
214 and hear formal charges from the investigative panel and upon a  
215 two-thirds vote of the panel recommend to the supreme court the  
216 removal of a justice or judge or the involuntary retirement of a





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217 justice or judge for any permanent disability that seriously  
218 interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Upon a  
219 simple majority vote of the membership of the hearing panel, the  
220 panel may recommend to the supreme court that the justice or  
221 judge be subject to appropriate discipline.

222 (c) SUPREME COURT.—The supreme court shall receive  
223 recommendations from the judicial qualifications commission's  
224 hearing panel.

225 (1) The supreme court may accept, reject, or modify in  
226 whole or in part the findings, conclusions, and recommendations  
227 of the commission and it may order that the justice or judge be  
228 subjected to appropriate discipline, or be removed from office  
229 with termination of compensation for willful or persistent  
230 failure to perform judicial duties or for other conduct  
231 unbecoming a member of the judiciary demonstrating a present  
232 unfitness to hold office, or be involuntarily retired for any  
233 permanent disability that seriously interferes with the  
234 performance of judicial duties. Malafides, scienter or moral  
235 turpitude on the part of a justice or judge shall not be  
236 required for removal from office of a justice or judge whose  
237 conduct demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office. After  
238 the filing of a formal proceeding and upon request of the  
239 investigative panel, the supreme court may suspend the justice  
240 or judge from office, with or without compensation, pending  
241 final determination of the inquiry.

242 (2) The supreme court may award costs to the prevailing  
243 party.

244 (d) REMOVAL POWER.—The power of removal conferred by this  
245 section shall be both alternative and cumulative to the power of



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246 impeachment.

247 (e) PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.—

248 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section,  
249 if the person who is the subject of proceedings by the judicial  
250 qualifications commission is a justice of the supreme court of  
251 Florida all justices of such court automatically shall be  
252 disqualified to sit as justices of such court with respect to  
253 all proceedings therein concerning such person and the supreme  
254 court for such purposes shall be composed of a panel consisting  
255 of the seven chief judges of the judicial circuits of the state  
256 of Florida most senior in tenure of judicial office as circuit  
257 judge. For purposes of determining seniority of such circuit  
258 judges in the event there be judges of equal tenure in judicial  
259 office as circuit judge the judge or judges from the lower  
260 numbered circuit or circuits shall be deemed senior. In the  
261 event any such chief circuit judge is under investigation by the  
262 judicial qualifications commission or is otherwise disqualified  
263 or unable to serve on the panel, the next most senior chief  
264 circuit judge or judges shall serve in place of such  
265 disqualified or disabled chief circuit judge.

266 (f) SCHEDULE TO SECTION 12.—

267 (1) Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions  
268 of this section, all provisions of law and rules of court in  
269 force on the effective date of this article shall continue in  
270 effect until superseded in the manner authorized by the  
271 constitution.

272 (2) After this section becomes effective and until adopted  
273 by rule of the commission consistent with it:

274 a. The commission shall be divided, as determined by the



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275 chairperson, into one investigative panel and one hearing panel  
276 to meet the responsibilities set forth in this section.

277 b. The investigative panel shall be composed of:

278 1. Four judges,

279 2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

280 3. Three non-lawyers.

281 c. The hearing panel shall be composed of:

282 1. Two judges,

283 2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

284 3. Two non-lawyers.

285 d. Membership on the panels may rotate in a manner

286 determined by the rules of the commission provided that no

287 member shall vote as a member of the investigative and hearing

288 panel on the same proceeding.

289 e. The commission shall hire separate staff for each panel.

290 f. The members of the commission shall serve for staggered  
291 terms of six years.

292 ~~g. The terms of office of the present members of the~~  
293 ~~judicial qualifications commission shall expire upon the~~  
294 ~~effective date of the amendments to this section approved by the~~  
295 ~~legislature during the regular session of the legislature in~~  
296 ~~1996 and new members shall be appointed to serve the following~~  
297 ~~staggered terms:~~

298 ~~1. Group I. The terms of five members, composed of two~~  
299 ~~electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member~~  
300 ~~of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article~~  
301 ~~V, one judge from the district courts of appeal and one circuit~~  
302 ~~judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire~~  
303 ~~on December 31, 1998.~~



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304           ~~2. Group II. The terms of five members, composed of one~~  
305 ~~elector as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, two members~~  
306 ~~of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article~~  
307 ~~V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s.~~  
308 ~~12(a)(1)a. of Article V shall expire on December 31, 2000.~~

309           ~~3. Group III. The terms of five members, composed of two~~  
310 ~~electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member~~  
311 ~~of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b., one judge~~  
312 ~~from the district courts of appeal and one county judge as set~~  
313 ~~forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire on December~~  
314 ~~31, 2002.~~

315           ~~g.h.~~ An appointment to fill a vacancy of the commission  
316 shall be for the remainder of the term.

317           ~~h.i.~~ Selection of members by district courts of appeal  
318 judges, circuit judges, and county court judges, shall be by no  
319 less than a majority of the members voting at the respective  
320 courts' conferences. Selection of members by the board of  
321 governors of the bar of Florida shall be by no less than a  
322 majority of the board.

323           ~~i.j.~~ The commission shall be entitled to recover the costs  
324 of investigation and prosecution, in addition to any penalty  
325 levied by the supreme court.

326           ~~j.k.~~ The compensation of members and referees shall be the  
327 travel expenses or transportation and per diem allowance as  
328 provided by general law.

329           SECTION 14. Funding.—

330           (a) All justices and judges shall be compensated only by  
331 state salaries fixed by general law. Funding for the state  
332 courts system, state attorneys' offices, public defenders'



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333 offices, and court-appointed counsel, except as otherwise  
334 provided in subsection (c), shall be provided from state  
335 revenues appropriated by general law.

336 (b) All funding for the offices of the clerks of the  
337 circuit and county courts performing court-related functions,  
338 except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subsection  
339 (c), shall be provided by adequate and appropriate filing fees  
340 for judicial proceedings and service charges and costs for  
341 performing court-related functions as required by general law.  
342 Selected salaries, costs, and expenses of the state courts  
343 system may be funded from appropriate filing fees for judicial  
344 proceedings and service charges and costs for performing court-  
345 related functions, as provided by general law. Where the  
346 requirements of either the United States Constitution or the  
347 Constitution of the State of Florida preclude the imposition of  
348 filing fees for judicial proceedings and service charges and  
349 costs for performing court-related functions sufficient to fund  
350 the court-related functions of the offices of the clerks of the  
351 circuit and county courts, the state shall provide, as  
352 determined by the legislature, adequate and appropriate  
353 supplemental funding from state revenues appropriated by general  
354 law.

355 (c) No county or municipality, except as provided in this  
356 subsection, shall be required to provide any funding for the  
357 state courts system, state attorneys' offices, public defenders'  
358 offices, court-appointed counsel or the offices of the clerks of  
359 the circuit and county courts performing court-related  
360 functions. Counties shall be required to fund the cost of  
361 communications services, existing radio systems, existing multi-



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362 agency criminal justice information systems, and the cost of  
363 construction or lease, maintenance, utilities, and security of  
364 facilities for the trial courts, public defenders' offices,  
365 state attorneys' offices, and the offices of the clerks of the  
366 circuit and county courts performing court-related functions.  
367 Counties shall also pay reasonable and necessary salaries,  
368 costs, and expenses of the state courts system to meet local  
369 requirements as determined by general law.

370 (d) The judiciary shall have no power to fix  
371 appropriations.

372 (e) The total appropriation of all fund sources to the  
373 judicial branch shall equal no less than 2.25 percent of the  
374 total general revenue funds appropriated in the general  
375 appropriation bill referred to in Section 19(b) of Article III.  
376 Any adjustments to the total appropriations of all fund sources  
377 to the judicial branch made in any special appropriations act  
378 shall equal no more than the percent of total general revenue  
379 appropriations adjusted in such special appropriations act. For  
380 purposes of this subsection, the judicial branch does not  
381 include the Justice Administrative Commission or any of the  
382 entities for which the Justice Administrative Commission  
383 provides administrative services.

384 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
385 placed on the ballot:

386 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

387 ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 4, 11, 12, AND 14

388 STATE COURTS.—Proposing a revision of Article V of the  
389 State Constitution relating to the judiciary.

390 Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice from a list



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391 of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and  
392 appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation.  
393 This revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice before  
394 the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to  
395 confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must  
396 reconvene and may not renominate any person whose prior  
397 appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the  
398 Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at  
399 any time. If the Senate does not vote against confirmation  
400 within 90 days, the justice will be deemed confirmed and will  
401 take office.

402         The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to  
403 adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The  
404 constitution further provides that a rule of court may be  
405 repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the  
406 membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed  
407 constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a  
408 general law repealing a court rule pass by a two-thirds vote of  
409 each house. The Legislature could repeal a rule of court by a  
410 general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the  
411 Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The  
412 court could readopt the rule in conformity with the public  
413 policy expressed by the Legislature, but if the Legislature  
414 repeals the readopted rule, this proposed revision prohibits the  
415 court from readopting the repealed rule without the  
416 Legislature's prior approval.

417         The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent  
418 commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and  
419 prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by



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420 a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission  
421 proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by  
422 the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges  
423 are filed, the formal charges and all further proceedings of the  
424 commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes  
425 the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge.  
426 Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may  
427 request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make  
428 available, all information in the commission's possession for  
429 use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This  
430 proposed revision requires the commission to make all of its  
431 files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
432 rather than just the file of a justice or judge under  
433 investigation by the House of Representatives. Such files would  
434 maintain their confidentiality unless the House of  
435 Representatives initiates impeachment proceedings against a  
436 justice or judge, in which case the files related to that  
437 justice or judge may be open. This revision deletes a  
438 requirement that a general law repealing a commission rule be  
439 passed by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the  
440 Legislature and revises the number of Supreme Court justices  
441 needed to repeal such a rule.

442 State appropriations are made annually by general law.  
443 Current law does not require any specific level of funding for  
444 any agency or department. This revision requires that the courts  
445 be appropriated a minimum of 2.25 percent of general revenue  
446 funding beginning with the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

447 This revision will take effect January 7, 2013, if approved  
448 by the electors. This revision makes other conforming and





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449 modernizing changes to the State Constitution regarding the  
450 judicial system; removing outdated schedules related to the  
451 Judicial Qualifications Commission; and making conforming and  
452 technical changes in the judicial articles of the constitution.  
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454 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
455 placed on the ballot if a court declares the preceding statement  
456 defective and the decision of the court is not reversed:

457 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

458 ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 4, 11, 12, AND 14

459 JUDICIARY.—Proposing a revision of the Judiciary Article of  
460 the Florida Constitution; requiring Senate confirmation for  
461 appointment of a Supreme Court justice; providing standards and  
462 procedures for legislative repeal of a court rule; providing a  
463 minimum level of court funding; allowing legislative review of  
464 confidential files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission;  
465 and making other ancillary amendments, including, but not  
466 limited to, technical and conforming amendments.  
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468 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
469 placed on the ballot if a court declares the preceding  
470 statements defective and the decision of the court is not  
471 reversed:

472 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

473 ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 4, 11, 12, AND 14

474 STATE COURTS.—Proposing a revision to Article V of the State  
475 Constitution relating to the judiciary; changing the authority  
476 of the Legislature to repeal a court rule by 2/3 vote of the  
477 membership of each house to a simple majority of each house;



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478 limiting the Supreme Court's ability to readopt a rule repealed  
479 by the Legislature; requiring Senate confirmation before a  
480 justice may take office; providing that if the Senate does not  
481 act within 90 days the nominee is deemed confirmed as a justice;  
482 allowing the Senate to meet outside of regular session without  
483 having the House of Representatives convene at the same time;  
484 deleting outdated references; requiring the Judicial  
485 Qualifications Commission to provide the House of  
486 Representatives access to records; providing for confidentiality  
487 of records; and requiring a minimum level of funding for the  
488 judicial system.

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490 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

491 And the title is amended as follows:

492 Delete everything before the resolving clause  
493 and insert:

494 A bill to be entitled  
495 A joint resolution proposing a revision of Article V  
496 of the State Constitution, relating to the judiciary,  
497 consisting of amendments to Sections 2, 4, 11, 12, and  
498 14 of Article V of the State Constitution; revising  
499 provisions relating to repeal of court rules; limiting  
500 readoption of a repealed court rule; providing for  
501 Senate confirmation of Supreme Court justices;  
502 requiring the Judicial Qualifications Commission to  
503 make all of its files available to the Speaker of the  
504 House of Representatives; revising provisions relating  
505 to repeal of commission rules; requiring that a  
506 specified minimum percentage of general revenue funds



507 be appropriated to the courts; making other conforming  
508 and modernizing changes to the State Constitution  
509 regarding the judicial system.