

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing amendments to Sections 2 and 6 of Article XI of the State Constitution to limit each revision or amendment to the Constitution proposed by the constitution revision commission or the taxation and budget reform commission to one subject and matter directly connected therewith.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendments to Sections 2 and 6 of Article XI of the State Constitution are 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 XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 2. Revision commission.—

(a) Within thirty days before the convening of the 2017 regular session of the legislature, and each twentieth year thereafter, there shall be established a constitution revision commission composed of the following thirty-seven members:

- (1) the attorney general of the state;
- (2) fifteen members selected by the governor;
- (3) nine members selected by the speaker of the house of

26 | representatives and nine members selected by the president of
27 | the senate; and

28 | (4) three members selected by the chief justice of the
29 | supreme court of Florida with the advice of the justices.

30 | (b) The governor shall designate one member of the
31 | commission as its chair. Vacancies in the membership of the
32 | commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
33 | appointments.

34 | (c) Each constitution revision commission shall convene at
35 | the call of its chair, adopt its rules of procedure, examine the
36 | constitution of the state, hold public hearings, and, not later
37 | than one hundred eighty days prior to the next general election,
38 | file with the custodian of state records its proposal, if any,
39 | of a revision or amendment of this constitution or any part of
40 | it. Each revision or amendment shall embrace but one subject and
41 | matter directly connected therewith.

42 | SECTION 6. Taxation and budget reform commission.—

43 | (a) Beginning in 2007 and each twentieth year thereafter,
44 | there shall be established a taxation and budget reform
45 | commission composed of the following members:

46 | (1) eleven members selected by the governor, none of whom
47 | shall be a member of the legislature at the time of appointment.

48 | (2) seven members selected by the speaker of the house of
49 | representatives and seven members selected by the president of
50 | the senate, none of whom shall be a member of the legislature at

51 | the time of appointment.

52 | (3) four non-voting ex officio members, all of whom shall
53 | be members of the legislature at the time of appointment. Two of
54 | these members, one of whom shall be a member of the minority
55 | party in the house of representatives, shall be selected by the
56 | speaker of the house of representatives, and two of these
57 | members, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party in
58 | the senate, shall be selected by the president of the senate.

59 | (b) Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
60 | filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

61 | (c) At its initial meeting, the members of the commission
62 | shall elect a member who is not a member of the legislature to
63 | serve as chair and the commission shall adopt its rules of
64 | procedure. Thereafter, the commission shall convene at the call
65 | of the chair. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the full
66 | commission shall be necessary for any revision of this
67 | constitution or any part of it to be proposed by the commission.

68 | (d) The commission shall examine the state budgetary
69 | process, the revenue needs and expenditure processes of the
70 | state, the appropriateness of the tax structure of the state,
71 | and governmental productivity and efficiency; review policy as
72 | it relates to the ability of state and local government to tax
73 | and adequately fund governmental operations and capital
74 | facilities required to meet the state's needs during the next
75 | twenty year period; determine methods favored by the citizens of

76 | the state to fund the needs of the state, including alternative
77 | methods for raising sufficient revenues for the needs of the
78 | state; determine measures that could be instituted to
79 | effectively gather funds from existing tax sources; examine
80 | constitutional limitations on taxation and expenditures at the
81 | state and local level; and review the state's comprehensive
82 | planning, budgeting and needs assessment processes to determine
83 | whether the resulting information adequately supports a
84 | strategic decisionmaking process.

85 | (e) The commission shall hold public hearings as it deems
86 | necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this section.
87 | The commission shall issue a report of the results of the review
88 | carried out, and propose to the legislature any recommended
89 | statutory changes related to the taxation or budgetary laws of
90 | the state. Not later than one hundred eighty days prior to the
91 | general election in the second year following the year in which
92 | the commission is established, the commission shall file with
93 | the custodian of state records its proposal, if any, of a
94 | revision or amendment of this constitution or any part of it
95 | dealing with taxation or the state budgetary process. Each
96 | revision or amendment shall embrace but one subject and matter
97 | directly connected therewith.

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99 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
100 | placed on the ballot:

101 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
102 ARTICLE XI, SECTIONS 2 AND 6
103 SINGLE SUBJECT REQUIREMENT FOR REVISIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO
104 THE CONSTITUTION.—Proposing an amendment to the State
105 Constitution to limit each revision or amendment to the
106 Constitution made by the constitution revision commission or the
107 taxation and budget reform commission to one subject and matter
108 directly connected therewith.