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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution to
3 establish that every person has a right to a clean and
4 healthful environment.

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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) The natural resources of the state are the legacy of
27 present and future generations. Every person has a right to a
28 clean and healthful environment, including clean air and water;
29 control of pollution; and the conservation and restoration of
30 the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic values of the
31 environment as provided by law. Any person may enforce this
32 right against any party, public or private, subject to

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reasonable limitations, as provided by law.