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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 15 of Article III of the State Constitution to
3 require a candidate for the Legislature to reside in
4 the district from which the candidate seeks election
5 upon qualifying except at the election next following
6 a reapportionment.

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8 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
9 Florida:

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11 Section 15 of Article III of the State Constitution is
12 amended to read:

13 ARTICLE III

14 LEGISLATURE

15 SECTION 15. Terms and qualifications of legislators.—

16 (a) SENATORS. Senators shall be elected for terms of four
17 years, those from odd-numbered districts in the years the
18 numbers of which are multiples of four and those from even-
19 numbered districts in even-numbered years the numbers of which
20 are not multiples of four; except, at the election next
21 following a reapportionment, some senators shall be elected for
22 terms of two years when necessary to maintain staggered terms.

23 (b) REPRESENTATIVES. Members of the house of
24 representatives shall be elected for terms of two years in each
25 even-numbered year.

26 (c) QUALIFICATIONS. Each candidate for the legislature
27 shall, at the time he or she qualifies, be a resident of the
28 district from which the candidate seeks election, except at the
29 election next following a reapportionment. Each legislator shall
30 be at least twenty-one years of age, an elector and resident of
31 the district from which elected and shall have resided in the
32 state for a period of two years prior to election.

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33 (d) ASSUMING OFFICE; VACANCIES. Members of the legislature
34 shall take office upon election. Vacancies in legislative office
35 shall be filled only by election as provided by law.