

By the Committee on Style and Drafting

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REVISION 12

A proposal to create new sections in Article X and Article XII of the State Constitution to prohibit the racing of and wagering on greyhounds and other dogs after a specified date.

Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of Florida:

A new section is added to Article X of the State Constitution to read:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

Prohibition on racing of and wagering on greyhounds or other dogs.-The humane treatment of animals is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. After December 31, 2020, a person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel operations may not race greyhounds or any member of the *Canis Familiaris* subspecies in connection with any wager for money or any other thing of value in this state, and persons in this state may not wager money or any other thing of value on the outcome of a live dog race occurring in this state. The failure to conduct greyhound racing or wagering on greyhound racing after December 31, 2018, does not constitute grounds to revoke or deny renewal of other related gaming licenses held by a person who is a licensed greyhound permitholder on January 1, 2018, and does not affect the eligibility of such permitholder, or such permitholder's facility, to conduct other pari-mutuel activities authorized by general law. By general law, the legislature shall specify civil or criminal penalties for

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33 violations of this section and for activities that aid or abet
34 violations of this section.

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36 A new section is added to Article XII of the State
37 Constitution to read:

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

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40 Prohibition on racing or wagering on greyhounds or other
41 dogs.-The amendment to Article X, which prohibits the racing of
42 or wagering on greyhound and other dogs, and the creation of
43 this section, shall take effect upon the approval of the
44 electors.

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46 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the following statement be
47 placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION

ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

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52 DOG RACING.-Prohibits gaming or pari-mutuel entities from
53 racing dogs in connection with wagering; eligibility of such
54 entities to conduct other authorized pari-mutuel and gaming
55 activities is not affected; prohibits wagering on outcome of in-
56 state live dog races.