

## FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

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Chairman Beruff and Commissioners Florida Constitutional Revision Commission

The Capitol

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Dear Chairman Beruff and Commissioners:

Secretary **Tammy Jones** 

Treasurer Craig Latimer As Supervisors of Elections, we acknowledge the commitment to access the commission is providing to Floridians wishing to take part in the discussion surrounding our state constitution. Additionally, the digital connection to the revision process that your websites revisefl.com and flcrc.gov provides allowing the public additional avenues to suggest or propose change to our state constitution can only strengthen the result of your commitment to the work at hand. However, while we acknowledge your efforts to receive

**Past President Brian Corley** 

input, we urge restraint when adding referenda to what is sure to be a full ballot.

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It is the desire of election administrators across the state that Florida does not relive the experiences of the 2012 General Election which were mired in long lines and increased voter confusion caused in large part by ballot length. As you are sure to recall, normal positive voter experiences were impacted by a long ballot that contained eleven Constitutional Amendments and in many cases, local referenda resulting in a multi sheet ballot which often ends with the phenomenon of "voter fatigue" or "ballot drop-off."

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While we recognize and applaud the immense duty and responsibility of the commissions' purpose of reviewing Florida's Constitution and proposing changes for voter consideration, we urge you to take into strong consideration the overall length of the ballot when considering the number of amendments to be placed on the ballot.

General Counsel

We look forward to your favorable consideration of our position as you complete this very important process.

Ronald Labasky, Esq.

Chris H. Chambless

President, Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections

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