REVISION 8
A proposal to revise the State Constitution by the Constitution Revision Commission of Florida.

A proposed revision relating to ending dog racing; creating 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
violations of this section and for activities that aid or abet
violations of this section.

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

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

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

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

ENDS DOG RACING.—Phases out commercial dog racing in
connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are
not affected.

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.