

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: Freedom to Pray Together: Requires legislative approval for any worship limits longer than 21 days.

Ballot Summary: Provides that any executive order by the Governor or any other designated governmental authority in the state of Florida cannot close, or limit in size, gatherings of any houses of worship or individually organized gatherings of prayer for greater than 21 calendar days without legislative approval.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Article I, Section 3: Religious Freedom

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment:

Article I, Section 3: Religious Freedom

(a) The freedom of religion is a fundamental right enshrined in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and in the Constitution of the State of Florida. Any executive order by the Governor or any other designated governmental authority in the state of Florida cannot close, or limit in size, gatherings of any Houses of Worship or individually organized gatherings of prayer for more than 21 calendar days within a Governor's term, without specific approval of a majority of both Houses of the Legislature. A generally applicable building occupancy limit that is not connected to any emergency or other temporary need and that is authorized pursuant to State law governing fire safety is not governed by this subsection.

(b) There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace or safety. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Initiative Information

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