



## **CRC Proposals with Municipal Impact**

The Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) meets once every 20 years. Proposals that successfully pass through the commission will go directly to voters' ballots in November 2018. This list provides summaries of CRC proposals that have the potential to impact municipal governments, and **only** includes proposals which are still under consideration of the full commission.

### **Vaping in Indoor Workplaces (Support)**

**P 65** (Lisa Carlton) establishes a general prohibition on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices in enclosed indoor workplaces. The proposal clarifies that local governments can adopt more restrictive regulations on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices if they so choose. (Cook)

### **Oil Drilling in Coastal Waters (Support)**

**P 91** (Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch) prohibits oil drilling for exploration and extraction in coastal waters between the mean high tide line and the outermost boundaries of the state's territorial seas. Proposal 91 is self-executing (does not require legislative implementation). (O'Hara)

### **Death Benefits of First Responders and Military (Watch)**

**P 49** (Emery Gainey) establishes death benefits to the survivors of specified first responders and military members. Under this proposal, a death benefit shall be paid by the employing agency when a specific first responder, including a firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician or a law enforcement officer, while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties, is accidentally killed, receives accidental bodily injury that results in the loss of the individual's life, is unlawfully and intentionally killed, dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act, or is killed during active duty. The proposal does not specify or define "death benefit." The proposal requires payments be paid to a designated beneficiary or, if no such designation has been made, to the surviving children and spouse, surviving parents or the first responder's estate. Payments made pursuant to this proposal are in addition to any workers' compensation or pension benefits. The proposal establishes a similar benefit for active duty members of the U.S. armed forces and the Florida National Guard. (Hughes)

### **Lobbying Restrictions for State & Local Officials (Watch)**

[CS/P 39](#) (Don Gaetz) establishes prohibitions on lobbying by state and local officials following a term of office and establishes restrictions on lobbying by state and local officials during a term of office.

The proposed amendment prohibits county officers, school board members, school superintendents, elected municipal officers and elected officers of specified special districts from paid lobbying: (1) before the officers' former agency or governing body for a period of six years following vacating office; and (2) before any federal agency, the Legislature, state government agency (except judicial tribunals) or any political subdivision of the state during the term of office. The proposal would not prohibit any public officer or employee from representing his or her agency before any other governmental entity in the normal course of duties.

The proposed amendment also expands existing lobbying restrictions on legislators, statewide elected officers, executive agency heads and members of the judicial branch to include the six-year restriction.

Proposal 39 was amended on the floor of the CRC to prohibits political subdivisions (includes municipalities) from retaining lobbyists to seek legislative appropriations. The Proposal allows political subdivisions to retain lobbyists only for advocating for or against policy issues. (O'Hara)

#### [Naming of Public Facilities \(Watch\)](#)

[P 37](#) (John Stemberger) prohibits the naming of public buildings, programs or other facilities after municipal, county or state elected officials, unless the elected state or local official has vacated the public office. The proposal also requires that any law or ordinance naming a building, facility, tract of land or program after a former elected official may not contain provisions on any other subject. (Cook)

#### [E-Verify \(Watch\)](#)

[P 29](#) (Rich Newsome) directs the legislature by July 1, 2020 to establishes requirements to verify employment eligibility to ensure that all employees in the state are legally authorized to work under applicable federal immigration law. Additionally, the Proposal directs the legislature to enact a statewide random auditing program administered by an executive department to ensure compliance with the employment eligibility verification process and prescribe penalties for failure to comply. (Hughes)

#### [Voting in Partisan Primary Elections \(Watch\)](#)

[P 11](#) (Sherry Plymale) authorizes all qualified electors, regardless of party affiliation, to vote in a partisan primary election for an office if all the candidates for the office have the same party affiliation and the winner will be opposed only by one or more write-in candidates in the general election. (Cruz)