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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 4 of Article IV of the State Constitution to
3 establish the Office of Domestic Security and Counter-
4 Terrorism within the Department of Law Enforcement.

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6 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
7 Florida:

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9 Section 4 of Article IV of the State Constitution is
10 amended to read:

11 ARTICLE IV

12 EXECUTIVE

13 SECTION 4. Cabinet.—

14 (a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney
15 general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of
16 agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified
17 herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties
18 as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the
19 governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall
20 be deemed to prevail.

21 (b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal
22 officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general
23 the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor
24 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to
25 prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having
26 occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related
27 transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has
28 affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general
29 law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney
30 general from not less than three persons nominated by the
31 judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as
32 otherwise provided by general law.

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33 (c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief
34 fiscal officer of the state, and shall settle and approve
35 accounts against the state, and shall keep all state funds and
36 securities.

37 (d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision
38 of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise
39 provided by law.

40 (e) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, and
41 the attorney general shall constitute the state board of
42 administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control,
43 and authority of the state board of administration established
44 pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885,
45 and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of
46 Article XII, Section 9(c).

47 (f) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the
48 attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall
49 constitute the trustees of the internal improvement trust fund
50 and the land acquisition trust fund as provided by law.

51 (g) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the
52 attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall
53 constitute the agency head of the Department of Law Enforcement.
54 The Office of Domestic Security and Counter-Terrorism is created
55 within the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic
56 Security and Counter-Terrorism shall provide support for
57 prosecutors and federal, state, and local law enforcement
58 agencies that investigate or analyze information relating to
59 attempts or acts of terrorism or that prosecute terrorism, and
60 shall perform any other duties that are provided by law. The
61 Office of Domestic Security and Counter-Terrorism shall

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62 establish one or more regional offices in multiple regions of
63 the state as necessary to fulfill its mission.