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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 5 of Article VI of the State Constitution to
3 authorize a qualified elector who is registered with
4 no party affiliation to vote a primary election ballot
5 of a political party.

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

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10 Section 5 of Article VI of the State Constitution is
11 amended to read:

12 ARTICLE VI

13 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

14 SECTION 5. Primary, general, and special elections.—

15 (a) A general election shall be held in each county on the
16 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-
17 numbered year to choose a successor to each elective state and
18 county officer whose term will expire before the next general
19 election and, except as provided herein, to fill each vacancy in
20 elective office for the unexpired portion of the term. A general
21 election may be suspended or delayed due to a state of emergency
22 or impending emergency pursuant to general law. Special
23 elections and referenda shall be held as provided by law.

24 (b) If all candidates for an office have the same party
25 affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the
26 general election, all qualified electors, regardless of party
27 affiliation, may vote in the primary elections for that office.

28 (c) A qualified elector who is registered with no party
29 affiliation may choose to vote a primary election ballot of a
30 political party; however, a qualified elector who is registered
31 with a political party designation may vote only in a primary
32 election of the political party which he or she has designated.