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1 A proposal to create
2 new sections in Article X and Article XII of the State
3 Constitution to prohibit wagering on greyhound or
4 other dog races on or after a specified date.

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

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9 A new section is added to Article X of the State
10 Constitution to read:

11 ARTICLE X

12 MISCELLANEOUS

13 Prohibition of wagering on greyhound or other dog races.-A
14 person that is licensed to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel
15 operations may not race greyhounds or any other member of the
16 Canis Familiaris subspecies in connection with any wager for
17 money or any other thing of value in this state. A person in
18 this state may not wager any money or other thing of value on
19 the outcome of a dog race. By general law, the legislature shall
20 specify civil or criminal penalties for violations of this
21 section and for activities that aide or abet violations.

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

25 ARTICLE XII

26 SCHEDULE

27 Prohibition of wagering greyhound or other dog races.-The
28 amendment to Article X, which prohibits wagering on greyhound
29 and other dog races, and the creation of this section shall take
30 effect upon the approval of the electors and applies to dog
31 racing activities as provided in this section.

32 (a) For the 2018-2019 state fiscal year, each greyhound

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33 permitholder is authorized the same number of racing days for
34 which it was authorized in the 2017-2018 state fiscal year. The
35 maximum number of authorized racing days for each permitholder
36 is reduced by one-third in the 2019-2020 state fiscal year and
37 two-thirds in the 2020-2021 state fiscal year, respectively. All
38 dog racing in connection with any wager for money or any other
39 thing of value is prohibited on and after July 1, 2021.

40 (b) The failure to conduct live greyhound racing after June
41 30, 2021, does not constitute grounds to revoke or deny other
42 gaming licenses to a person that is a greyhound permitholder on
43 November 6, 2018.

44 (c) The prohibition on wagering on the outcome of a dog
45 race shall take effect July 1, 2021.