

OATH OF OFFICE  
**STATE OF FLORIDA**

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

\_\_\_\_\_ on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign as you desire commission issued)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public — State of Florida)

(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTANCE

SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE CAPITOL, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0250

I accept the office of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. The above is the oath of office taken by me.

In addition to the above office I also hold the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name office or None)

My mailing address is

(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign as you desire commission issued)

NOTE: Please print or type name as signed above \_\_\_\_\_

Person taking oath sign on line (1) above. Sign acceptance on line numbered (5) after giving address on line (4). Line (2) is for signature of attesting officer.

from the Atlantic coastline and three leagues distant from the Gulf of Mexico coastline, whichever is greater, to and through the Straits of Florida and westerly, including the Florida reefs, to a point due south of and three leagues from the southernmost point of the Marquesas Keys; thence westerly along a straight line to a point due south of and three leagues from Loggerhead Key, the westernmost of the Dry Tortugas Islands; thence westerly, northerly and easterly along the arc of a curve three leagues distant from Loggerhead Key to a point due north of Loggerhead Key; thence northeast along a straight line to a point three leagues from the coastline of Florida; thence northerly and westerly three leagues distant from the coastline to a point west of the mouth of the Perdido River three leagues from the coastline as measured on a line bearing south 0°01'00" west from the point of beginning; thence northerly along said line to the point of beginning. The State of Florida shall also include any additional territory within the United States adjacent to the Peninsula of Florida lying south of the St. Marys River, east of the Perdido River, and south of the States of Alabama and Georgia.

(b) The coastal boundaries may be extended by statute to the limits permitted by the laws of the United States or international law.

**SECTION 2. Seat of government.**—The seat of government shall be the City of Tallahassee, in Leon County, where the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, cabinet members and the supreme court shall be maintained and the sessions of the legislature shall be held; provided that, in time of invasion or grave emergency, the governor by proclamation may for the period of the emergency transfer the seat of government to another place.

**SECTION 3. Branches of government.**—The powers of the state government shall be divided into legislative, executive and judicial branches. No person belonging to one branch shall exercise any powers appertaining to either of the other branches unless expressly provided herein.

**SECTION 4. State seal and flag.**—The design of the great seal and flag of the state shall be prescribed by law.

**SECTION 5. Public officers.**—

(a) No person holding any office of emolument under any foreign government, or civil office of emolument under the United States or any other state, shall hold any office of honor or of emolument under the government of this state. No person shall hold at the same time more than one office under the government of the state and the counties and municipalities therein, except that a notary public or military officer may hold another office, and any officer may be a member of a constitution revision commission, taxation and budget reform commission, constitutional convention, or statutory body having only advisory powers.

(b) Each state and county officer, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall give bond as required by law, and shall swear or affirm:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the state; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of (title of office) on which I am now about to enter. So help me God."

and thereafter shall devote personal attention to the duties of the office, and continue in office until his successor qualifies.

(c) The powers, duties, compensation and method of payment of state and county officers shall be fixed by law.

*History.*—Am. H.J.R. 1616, 1988; adopted 1988.

**SECTION 6. Enemy attack.**—In periods of emergency resulting from enemy attack the legislature shall have power to provide for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of all public offices the incumbents of which may become unavailable to execute the functions of their offices, and to adopt such other measures as may be necessary and appropriate to insure the continuity of governmental operations during the emergency. In exercising these powers, the legislature may depart from other requirements of this constitution, but only to the extent necessary to meet the emergency.

**SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.**—

(a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise.

(b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

*History.*—Am. by Initiative Petition filed with the Secretary of State March 26, 1996; adopted 1996.

**SECTION 8. Ethics in government.**—A public office is a public trust. The people shall have the right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse. To assure this right:

(a) All elected constitutional officers and candidates for such offices and, as may be determined by law, other public officers, candidates, and employees shall file full and public disclosure of their financial interests.

(b) All elected public officers and candidates for such offices shall file full and public disclosure of their campaign finances.