**Florida Constitution Vocabulary Study Sheet**

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| **Word/Term** | **Part of Speech**  | **Definition** |
| **abatement\*** | noun | a deduction or lessening of something  |
| **abridge\*** | verb | to lessen or diminish |
| **amendment** | noun | a change to a constitution  |
| **article** | noun | a numbered chapter or section of a contract, treaty, or constitution |
| **authority** | noun | the power to direct the actions of people or to make decisions |
| **cession\*** | noun | the act of giving something up  |
| **constitution** | noun | the basic principles and laws of a nation or state that determine the powers and duties of the government and guarantee certain rights to the people in it; usually a written document |
| **Florida Declaration of Rights** | proper noun | the part of the Florida Constitution that lists the basic rights guaranteed to all citizens who live in the state |
| **infringe\*** | verb | advance beyond the usual limit, encroach |
| **jurisdiction\*** | noun | the territory within which power can be exercised |
| **militia\*** | noun | the entire body of physically fit civilians eligible by law for military service |
| **revenue\*** | noun | money derived from income |
| **vested\*** | adjective | absolute, fixed, unconditional  |