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House Joint Resolution

A resolution proposing an amendment to Section
4 of Article IX of the State Constitution
relating to school districts.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the
State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be
submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection
at the general election to be held in November 1998:

SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.--

(a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
one school district; and provided further that any county may
be subdivided into more than one school subdistrict, each
school subdistrict to be comprised of all the public schools
within any municipality or combination of municipalities
within the county, as provided by general or special law, and
subject to subsequent approval by a majority of the electors
of the county voting in a referendum. Except for millage
voted for bonded indebtedness, funding for operation and
capital outlay in school subdistricts established pursuant to
this section shall be calculated on a countywide basis and
allocated as provided by general law.

(b) In each school district there shall be a school
board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the
electors for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as
provided by law.

1 ~~(b)~~ The school board shall operate, control and
2 supervise all free public schools within the school district
3 and determine the rate of school district taxes within the
4 limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may
5 operate and finance joint educational programs.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the
7 requirements of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, the title
8 and substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on
9 the ballot as follows:

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11 AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF
12 A COUNTY INTO TWO OR MORE
13 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
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15 Provides that counties may be subdivided into school
16 subdistricts comprised of all the public schools within any
17 municipality or combination of municipalities within the
18 county, pursuant to general or special law, and subject to
19 local voter referendum approval. Provides that, except for
20 millage voted for bonded indebtedness, school subdistrict
21 funding shall be calculated countywide and allocated as
22 provided by general law.
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