

By Senator Miller

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1 Senate Joint Resolution No. ____
 2 A joint resolution proposing the amendment of
 3 Section 4 of Article IX of the State
 4 Constitution, relating to education, to limit
 5 the term of office for a member of a district
 6 school board.

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

10 That the following amendment of Section 4 of Article IX
 11 of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted
 12 to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the
 13 next general election or at an earlier special election
 14 specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

15 ARTICLE IX

16 EDUCATION

17 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.--

18 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
 19 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
 20 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
 21 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
 22 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote
 23 of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
 24 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law. A person
 25 may not serve as a member of a district school board if, by
 26 the end of the current term of office, that person will have
 27 served, or, but for resignation, would have served, in that
 28 office for twelve consecutive years.

29 (b) The school board shall operate, control and
 30 supervise all free public schools within the school district
 31 and determine the rate of school district taxes within the

1 limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may
2 operate and finance joint educational programs.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
4 placed on the ballot:

5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

6 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

7 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT
8 SCHOOL BOARD.--Proposing an amendment to the State
9 Constitution to provide that a person may not serve more than
10 12 consecutive years as a member of a district school board.

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