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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution, relating to education, to limit the term of office for a member of a district school board.

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, 2004:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

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

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

(c) A person may not serve as a member of a district school board for more than eight consecutive years. If a member of a district school board resigns before completing eight



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31 consecutive years of service and subsequently seeks election to  
 32 the board, the time served before resignation shall be deemed to  
 33 constitute one four-year term of office for purposes of  
 34 determining applicability of this subsection. Time served as a  
 35 member of a school board before the first term to which a person  
 36 is elected following the election at which this subsection is  
 37 ratified shall not be counted in determining eight consecutive  
 38 years of service.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title and substance of the  
 40 amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

41 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS  
 42 OF A DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

43 Proposes an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the  
 44 State Constitution to provide that a person may not serve more  
 45 than 8 consecutive years, beginning with the election following  
 46 the election at which this amendment is ratified, as a member of  
 47 a district school board.