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The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire joint resolution and insert:

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



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29 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
30 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
31 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

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

37 (c) A person may not serve as a member of a district
38 school board for more than twelve consecutive years. If a member
39 of a district school board resigns before completing twelve
40 consecutive years of service and subsequently seeks election to
41 the board, the time served before resignation shall be deemed to
42 constitute one four-year term of office for purposes of
43 determining applicability of this subsection. Time served as a
44 member of a school board before the first term to which a person
45 is elected following the election at which this subsection is
46 ratified shall not be counted in determining twelve consecutive
47 years of service.

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

50 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS

51 OF A DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

52 Proposes an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the
53 State Constitution to provide that a person may not serve more
54 than 12 consecutive years, beginning with the election following
55 the election at which this amendment is ratified, as a member of
56 a district school board.



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