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Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing the amendment of 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 following amendment of Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

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 twelve consecutive years. If a

1 member of a district school board resigns before completing
2 twelve consecutive years of service and subsequently seeks
3 election to the board, the time served before resignation
4 shall be deemed to constitute one four-year term of office for
5 purposes of determining applicability of this subsection. Time
6 served as a member of a school board before the first term to
7 which a person is elected following the election at which this
8 subsection is ratified shall not be counted in determining
9 twelve consecutive years of service.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
11 placed on the ballot:

12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

13 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

14 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT
15 SCHOOL BOARD.--Proposing an amendment to the State
16 Constitution to provide that a person may not serve more than
17 12 consecutive years, beginning with the election following
18 the election at which this amendment is ratified, as a member
19 of a district school board.

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