

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.
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8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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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.
25 (b) The school board shall operate, control and
26 supervise all free public schools within the school district
27 and determine the rate of school district taxes within the
28 limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may
29 operate and finance joint educational programs.
30 (c) A person may not serve as a member of a district
31 school board for more than eight consecutive years. If a

1 member of a district school board resigns before completing
2 eight 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 eight 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 8 consecutive years, beginning with the election following the
18 election at which the amendment is ratified, as a member of a
19 district school board.

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