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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 House Joint Resolution

6 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of  
7 Article IX of the State Constitution relating to school  
8 districts.

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

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

17 ARTICLE IX

18 EDUCATION

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

20 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;  
21 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the  
22 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into  
23 one school district. In each school district there shall be a

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

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

32 | (c) Provision may be made by law for the division of a  
33 | school district into two or more school districts, each having  
34 | no fewer than 25,000 students, when approved by a vote of the  
35 | county's electors. School district taxes for the school  
36 | districts created pursuant to this subsection shall be imposed  
37 | countywide and distributed to the school districts in an  
38 | equitable and nondiscriminatory manner as provided by law. The  
39 | rate of school district taxes shall be determined by a board  
40 | consisting of an equal number of members from each school  
41 | district in the county as provided by law.

42 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
43 | placed on the ballot:

44 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

45 | ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

46 | AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT INTO TWO OR  
47 | MORE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.--Proposing an amendment to the State  
48 | Constitution to provide that school districts may be divided  
49 | into two or more school districts, each having no fewer than  
50 | 25,000 students, as provided by law and upon a vote of the  
51 | county's electors; to provide that school district taxes shall

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52 | be imposed countywide and distributed to the school districts in  
53 | an equitable and nondiscriminatory manner as provided by law;  
54 | and to provide that the rate of school district taxes shall be  
55 | determined by a board consisting of an equal number of members  
56 | from each school district in the county as provided by law.