

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Council 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 school board members from each
41 school 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 school
56 | board members from each school district in the county as
57 | provided by law.