By Senator Peaden

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article IX of the State Constitution to require the election of the superintendent of schools in school districts meeting a student population threshold.

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

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That the following amendment to Section 5 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 5. Superintendent of schools.—In each school district there shall be a superintendent of schools who shall be elected at the general election in each year the number of which is a multiple of four for a term of four years; or, when provided by resolution of the district school board, or by special law, approved by vote of the electors, the district school superintendent in any school district shall be employed by the district school board as provided by general law. The resolution or special law may be rescinded or repealed by either procedure after four years. However, the superintendent of schools must be elected if the school district has a student population of 300,000 or more.

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

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 5

ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.—The State

Constitution currently requires that each school district have a superintendent of schools who is elected unless the school board or a law approved by the electors provides for the appointment of the superintendent. This proposed amendment requires that the district school superintendent be elected by the voters in school districts having a student population of 300,000 or more.