

1 House Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of
 3 Article IX of the State Constitution to require the
 4 Governor to appoint a state university student body
 5 president to the Board of Governors of the State
 6 University System.

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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 to Section 7 of Article IX of
 11 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
 12 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
 13 general election or at an earlier special election specifically
 14 authorized by law for that purpose:

15 ARTICLE IX

16 SECTION 7. State University System.-

17 (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through
 18 teaching students, advancing research and providing public
 19 service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities
 20 and economies, the people hereby establish a system of
 21 governance for the state university system of Florida.

22 (b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single
 23 state university system comprised of all public universities. A
 24 board of trustees shall administer each public university and a
 25 board of governors shall govern the state university system.

26 (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent
 27 university shall be administered by a board of trustees
 28 consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the

29 | state university system. The board of governors shall establish
 30 | the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of
 31 | trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the
 32 | governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of
 33 | governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the
 34 | senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by
 35 | law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the
 36 | president of the student body of the university shall also be
 37 | members.

38 | (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors
 39 | shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The
 40 | board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible
 41 | for the management of the whole university system. These
 42 | responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining
 43 | the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its
 44 | articulation with free public schools and community colleges,
 45 | ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the
 46 | system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or
 47 | programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers
 48 | of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds,
 49 | and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by
 50 | law. The governor shall appoint to the board fifteen ~~fourteen~~
 51 | citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university
 52 | system, one of whom shall be a state university student body
 53 | president. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the
 54 | senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by
 55 | law, except that a state university student body president
 56 | appointed to the board shall serve a term of one year and shall

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57 | not be subject to senate confirmation. The commissioner of
 58 | education and, the chair of the advisory council of faculty
 59 | senates, or the equivalent, ~~and the president of the Florida~~
 60 | ~~student association, or the equivalent,~~ shall also be members of
 61 | the board.

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

64 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

65 | ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7

66 | APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS
 67 | OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—Proposing an amendment to the
 68 | State Constitution to require that the Governor appoint the
 69 | student body president of a state university to the Board of
 70 | Governors for a term of 1 year. Specifically, the amendment
 71 | requires that one of the fifteen citizen members appointed by
 72 | the Governor be a state university student body president who is
 73 | not subject to confirmation by the Senate. The amendment removes
 74 | the president of the Florida Student Association, or the
 75 | equivalent, as a member of the Board of Governors.