

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

57 not be subject to senate confirmation. A student body president
 58 is ineligible for appointment if the student body president
 59 appointed to the board in the previous year was from the same
 60 state university. The commissioner of education ~~and~~ the chair
 61 of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent,
 62 ~~and the president of the Florida student association, or the~~
 63 ~~equivalent,~~ shall also be members of the board.

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

66 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

67 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7

68 APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS
 69 OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—Proposing an amendment to the
 70 State Constitution to remove the president of the Florida
 71 Student Association, or the equivalent, as a member of the Board
 72 of Governors of the State University System and to require that
 73 the Governor appoint a state university student body president
 74 to the Board of Governors. Specifically, the amendment requires
 75 that a state university student body president shall be one of
 76 15 citizen members appointed to the Board of Governors by the
 77 Governor, except that a state university student body president
 78 is not subject to confirmation by the Senate and the term of
 79 appointment is 1 year. The amendment also provides that a
 80 student body president of a state university is ineligible for
 81 appointment if the student body president appointed to the Board
 82 of Governors in the previous year was from the same state
 83 university.