

By Senator Montford

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Senate Joint Resolution

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

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

That the following amendment to Section 7 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

SECTION 7. State University System.—

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

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

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish

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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 fourteen citizens,
51 one of whom shall be a state university student body president,
52 dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The
53 appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve
54 staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The
55 commissioner of education and, the chair of the advisory council
56 of faculty senates, or the equivalent, ~~and the president of the~~
57 ~~Florida student association, or the equivalent,~~ shall also be
58 members of the board.

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

61 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

62 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7

63 APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS
64 OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—Proposing an amendment to the
65 State Constitution to require that the Governor appoint the
66 student body president of a state university to the Board of
67 Governors. Specifically, the amendment requires that one of the
68 fourteen citizen members appointed by the Governor be a state
69 university student body president who is subject to confirmation
70 by the Senate.