

1 House Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7  
 3 of 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 EDUCATION

17 SECTION 7. State University System.—

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

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

27 (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent  
 28 university shall be administered by a board of trustees

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

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

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57 appointed to the board from a pool of applicants who have  
 58 submitted an application to the governor shall serve a term of  
 59 one year and shall not be subject to senate confirmation. A  
 60 student body president is ineligible for appointment if the  
 61 student body president appointed to the board in the previous  
 62 year was from the same state university. The commissioner of  
 63 education ~~and~~, the chair of the advisory council of faculty  
 64 senates, or the equivalent, ~~and the president of the Florida~~  
 65 ~~student association, or the equivalent,~~ shall also be members of  
 66 the board.

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

69 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

70 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7

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

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86 | appointed to the Board of Governors in the previous year was  
87 | from the same state university.