

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution to revise the selection process for the student member of 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

EDUCATION

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

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 fourteen citizens
 51 | dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The
 52 | appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve
 53 | staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The
 54 | commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of
 55 | faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council
 56 | of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by

57 the board of governors and consist of all the student body
58 presidents of the state university system ~~president of the~~
59 ~~Florida student association, or the equivalent,~~ shall also be
60 members of the board.

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

63 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

64 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7

65 APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS
66 OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—Proposing an amendment to the
67 State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida
68 Student Association with the chair of the council of state
69 university student body presidents as the student member of the
70 Board of Governors of the State University System and to require
71 that the Board of Governors organize such council of state
72 university student body presidents.