

By Senator Brandes

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution to provide that a school district may be established or abolished as provided by law and to provide for the election or designation of a school board.

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

That the following amendment to Section 4 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 4. School districts; school boards.-

(a) As provided by general or special law, any contiguous area of the state, whether a each county or a municipality, may shall constitute a school district; provided, two or more ~~contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district.~~

(b) ~~In~~ Each school district shall be governed by a school board. there shall be A school board shall be composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in an a ~~nonpartisan~~ election for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law, unless, by general or special law, the governing body of a county or municipality constitutes the school board.

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30       ~~(b)~~ The school board shall operate, control, and supervise  
31 all free public schools within the school district and determine  
32 the rate of school district levies ~~taxes~~ within the limits  
33 prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and  
34 finance joint educational programs.

35       (c) A school district may be abolished by general or  
36 special law. The operation, control, and supervision of all free  
37 public schools within a school district abolished pursuant to  
38 this subsection shall be prescribed by general or special law,  
39 and the determination of the rate of school district levies in  
40 such an abolished school district shall be prescribed pursuant  
41 to general law.

42       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
43 placed on the ballot:

44                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

45                                   ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

46       SCHOOL DISTRICTS; SCHOOL BOARDS.—Proposing an amendment to  
47 the State Constitution to authorize any contiguous area of the  
48 state to constitute a school district; provide for selection of  
49 school board by partisan or nonpartisan election or designation  
50 of county or municipal governing body; provide that a school  
51 district may be abolished by law; and provide that operation,  
52 control, and supervision of public schools, and determination of  
53 school district levies, within an abolished school district  
54 shall be prescribed by law.