

CS/HJR 759

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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution to require the State Board of Education to establish a statewide charter school authorizer to authorize, operate, control, and supervise charter schools.

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

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution are 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) Each county 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. In each school district there shall be a school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

27 (b) The school board shall operate, control, and supervise
 28 all free public schools within the school district, except
 29 charter schools under the control and supervision of the
 30 statewide charter school authorizer in accordance with section 8
 31 of this article, and determine the rate of school district taxes
 32 within the limits prescribed herein. Two or more school
 33 districts may operate and finance joint educational programs.

34 SECTION 8. Statewide charter school authorizer.—The state
 35 board of education shall establish a statewide charter school
 36 authorizer to authorize, operate, control, and supervise charter
 37 schools as provided by general law.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 39 placed on the ballot:

40 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

41 ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 4 AND 8

42 STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER.—Proposing an amendment
 43 to the State Constitution to require the State Board of
 44 Education to establish a statewide charter school authorizer to
 45 authorize, operate, control, and supervise charter schools.