

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district 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) 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.

(b) The school board shall operate, control and supervise all free public schools within the school district and determine

26 | the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed
 27 | herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance
 28 | joint educational programs.

29 | (c) A person may not appear on the ballot for reelection
 30 | to the office of school board member if, by the end of the
 31 | current term of office, the person will have served, or but for
 32 | resignation would have served, in that office for eight
 33 | consecutive years. Service to the office of school board member
 34 | after 2013 accrues toward the limitations prescribed herein.

35 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 36 | placed on the ballot:

37 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

38 | ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

39 | LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT
 40 | SCHOOL BOARD.—Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution
 41 | to limit terms for school board members by prohibiting incumbent
 42 | members who have held the office for the preceding eight years
 43 | from appearing on a ballot for reelection to that office and to
 44 | provide that time served in that office after 2013 accrues
 45 | toward the eight-year limitation.