

By Senator Steube

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

(c) A person may not serve as a member of a district school

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30 board for more than two four-year terms. If a member of a
31 district school board resigns before completing two terms and
32 subsequently seeks election to the school board, the time served
33 before resignation shall constitute one four-year term of office
34 for purposes of determining applicability of this subsection.
35 Time served as a school board member before the first term to
36 which a person is elected following the election at which this
37 subsection is ratified shall be counted in determining two terms
38 of service.

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

41 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

42 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

43 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT
44 SCHOOL BOARD.—Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution
45 to limit the years of district school board member service to 2
46 terms; to provide that if a member resigns before completing
47 such terms and seeks reelection, time served before resignation
48 shall constitute one 4-year term; and to provide that a member's
49 time served before the election at which this amendment is
50 ratified is counted in determining 2 terms of service.