

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators Steube and Young

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district school board; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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 a new section in Article XII 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.

(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

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30 herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance
31 joint educational programs.

32 (c) A person may not appear on the ballot for reelection to
33 the office of school board member if, by the end of the current
34 term of office, the person will have served, or but for
35 resignation would have served, in that office for twelve
36 consecutive years.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

39 Limitation on terms of office for members of a district
40 school board.—This section and the amendment to Section 4 of
41 Article IX imposing term limits for the terms of office for
42 members of a district school board shall take effect on the date
43 it is approved by the electorate, but no service in a term of
44 office which commenced prior to November 6, 2018, will be
45 counted against the limitation imposed by this amendment.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
47 placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

ARTICLE XII

51 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT
52 SCHOOL BOARD.—Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution
53 to limit terms for school board members by prohibiting incumbent
54 members who have held the office for the preceding twelve years
55 from appearing on a ballot for reelection to that office and to
56 provide that the amendment only applies to terms of office
57 beginning on or after November 6, 2018.