

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to City of Jacksonville, Duval County;
 3 amending ch. 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended;
 4 providing specified term limits for the superintendent
 5 of schools; providing for governance; providing
 6 requirements for a referendum, notice of referendum,
 7 ballot title form, and referendum results; providing
 8 for an initial term upon approval of the referendum;
 9 authorizing the superintendent in office at the time
 10 the charter amendment becomes effective to remain in
 11 office under certain circumstances; providing
 12 effective dates.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Section 13.07 of article 13 of chapter 92-341,
 17 Laws of Florida, as amended, is amended to read:

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 19 ARTICLE 13

20 DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

21 Section 13.07. Superintendent of schools; two term limit.-
 22 ~~There shall be a The Duval County School Board shall designate a~~
 23 ~~person with experience in school management and supervision as~~
 24 ~~the superintendent of schools who shall be the chief~~
 25 ~~administrative employee of the board. The superintendent of~~

26 | ~~schools shall be considered an~~ elect ~~for a term of 4 years.~~
27 | The initial term of the elected superintendent shall begin with
28 | the 2022 General Election. Any person elected and who qualifies
29 | for two consecutive full terms as superintendent is not eligible
30 | for election as superintendent for the next succeeding term. The
31 | election of the superintendent shall be governed by state
32 | electoral laws for county officers ~~constitutional officer for~~
33 | ~~purposes of section 8 of article II of the State Constitution.~~

34 | Section 2. Referendum.—A referendum of the qualified
35 | electors residing in Duval County shall be held on November 3,
36 | 2020, the 2020 General Election, to determine whether this act
37 | shall become effective.

38 | (1) The referendum shall be held and conducted in the
39 | manner prescribed by law for holding elections under a
40 | referendum provision.

41 | (2) All qualified electors in Duval County shall be
42 | entitled and permitted to vote in the referendum. The places and
43 | times of voting shall be those polling places and times
44 | established for voting by law. The inspectors and clerks for the
45 | referendum shall be designated by the supervisor of elections in
46 | accordance with applicable general law.

47 | (3) The supervisor of elections is authorized and
48 | directed, when printing the sample and voting ballots for use in
49 | the referendum election called in this section, to print the
50 | referendum ballot title and referendum question as provided in

51 sections 4 and 5 on said ballots at the appropriate place.
52 Immediately after the question there shall be a space for the
53 voter to indicate whether his or her vote is "YES" or "NO" on
54 the question.

55 Section 3. Notice of referendum.—The supervisor of
56 elections is directed to ensure at least 30 days' notice of the
57 referendum by publishing at least twice in a daily newspaper of
58 general circulation in Duval County, once in the fifth week and
59 once in the third week, before the week in which the referendum
60 election day is to be held, in accordance with s. 100.342,
61 Florida Statutes.

62 Section 4. Official title and ballot.—

63 (1) The Legislature hereby directs that the referendum
64 ballot title for the referendum question be in substantially the
65 following form:

66 "AMENDING CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR AN ELECTED, RATHER
67 THAN AN APPOINTED, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS"

68 (2) Following the referendum question, in substantially
69 the form set forth below, be placed on the ballot at the
70 election called for in this act:

71 "Currently, the Jacksonville City Charter, Chapter 92-
72 341, as amended, provides for an appointed Duval
73 County Superintendent of Schools. Shall Chapter 2020-
74 _____ , Laws of Florida, which amends the Jacksonville
75 Charter to provide that the Duval County

76 Superintendent of Schools shall no longer be appointed
 77 by the School Board but shall be elected for a term of
 78 four years, with a two-term limit, beginning with the
 79 2022 General Election, become effective?"

80 () YES.

81 () NO.

82 Section 5. Referendum results.—The supervisor of elections
 83 shall certify the results of the referendum to the Florida
 84 Department of State in accordance with general law. If a
 85 majority of the votes cast in the referendum are "YES," the
 86 charter amendment shall be approved and become effective
 87 immediately upon verification of the results of the referendum's
 88 election vote.

89 Section 6. Initial term.—Upon approval of the referendum
 90 and the charter amendment taking effect, the initial term of the
 91 elected superintendent shall begin with the 2022 General
 92 Election. The election of the superintendent shall be governed
 93 by general law regarding the election of county officers.

94 Section 7. Holdover.—The superintendent in office at the
 95 time the charter amendment takes effect shall remain in office
 96 until the 2022 General Election; provided, however, that such
 97 superintendent is subject to removal and replacement by the
 98 Duval County School Board under such terms and conditions of any
 99 contract between the superintendent and the school board. Any
 100 such superintendent appointed by the Duval County School Board

101 | before the 2022 General Election shall remain in office until
102 | the 2022 General Election; provided, however, that such
103 | superintendent is subject to removal and replacement by the
104 | Duval County School Board under such terms and conditions of any
105 | contract between the superintendent and the school board.

106 | Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law,
107 | except that section 1 shall take effect upon verification of the
108 | results of approval by a majority vote of the qualified electors
109 | of the county voting in the referendum provided in this act.