

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 for an elected superintendent of schools;
 5 specifying term limits for such superintendent;
 6 providing requirements for a referendum; authorizing
 7 the superintendent in office at the time the charter
 8 amendment becomes effective to remain in office under
 9 certain circumstances; providing effective dates.

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

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

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 16 ARTICLE 13

17 DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

18 Section 13.07. Superintendent of schools; two term limit.-
 19 ~~There shall be a The Duval County School Board shall designate a~~
 20 ~~person with experience in school management and supervision as~~
 21 ~~the superintendent of schools who shall be the chief~~
 22 ~~administrative employee of the board. The superintendent of~~
 23 ~~schools shall be considered an elected~~ for a term of 4 years.
 24 The initial term of the elected superintendent shall begin with
 25 the 2024 General Election. Any person elected and who qualifies

26 for two consecutive full terms as superintendent is not eligible
 27 for election as superintendent for the next succeeding term. The
 28 election of the superintendent shall be governed by state
 29 electoral laws for county officers ~~constitutional officer for~~
 30 ~~purposes of section 8 of article II of the State Constitution.~~

31 Section 2. Referendum Election.—

32 (1) The referendum election called for by this action
 33 shall be held on November 3, 2020, the 2020 General Election.

34 (2) The ballot title for the referendum question shall be
 35 in substantially the following form:

36 "AMENDING CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR AN ELECTED, RATHER
 37 THAN AN APPOINTED, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS"

38 (3) The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot
 39 in substantially the following form:

40 "Currently, the Jacksonville City Charter, Chapter 92-
 41 341, as amended, provides for an appointed Duval
 42 County Superintendent of Schools. Shall Chapter 2020-
 43 _____, Laws of Florida, which amends the Jacksonville
 44 Charter to provide that the Duval County
 45 Superintendent of Schools shall no longer be appointed
 46 by the School Board but shall be elected for a term of
 47 four years, with a two-term limit, beginning with the
 48 2024 General Election, become effective?"

49 () YES.

50 () NO.

51 (4) In the event this question is answered affirmatively
52 by a majority of the voters voting in the referendum, the
53 charter amendment will take effect. The referendum election
54 shall be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections of Duval
55 County in accordance with the Florida Election Code.

56 Section 3. Holdover.—The superintendent in office at the
57 time the charter amendment takes effect shall remain in office
58 until the 2024 General Election; provided, however, that such
59 superintendent is subject to removal and replacement by the
60 Duval County School Board under such terms and conditions of any
61 contract between the superintendent and the school board. Any
62 such superintendent appointed by the Duval County School Board
63 before the 2024 General Election shall remain in office until
64 the 2024 General Election; provided, however, that such
65 superintendent is subject to removal and replacement by the
66 Duval County School Board under such terms and conditions of any
67 contract between the superintendent and the school board.

68 Section 4. This act shall take effect only upon its
69 approval by a majority vote of the qualified electors of Duval
70 County voting in a referendum conducted in accordance with the
71 provisions of law relating to elections currently in force,
72 except that this section and section 2 shall take effect upon
73 becoming a law.