

By Senator Rodriguez

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Sections 2 and 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution, relating to the State Board of Education, school districts, and school boards, to provide that school boards shall, subject to Article I, Section 6 of the State Constitution, set the wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment for all school board employees.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Sections 2 and 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 2. State board of education.—

The state board of education shall be a body corporate and, except as provided in Section 4(b), have such supervision of the system of free public education as is provided by law. The state board of education shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the senate. The state board of education shall appoint the commissioner of education.

SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.—

(a) Each county shall constitute a school district;

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30 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
31 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
32 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
33 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
34 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
35 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

36 (b) The school board shall operate, control and supervise
37 all free public schools within the school district; subject to
38 Article I, Section 6, shall set the wages, hours, and terms and
39 conditions of employment for all school board employees; and
40 shall determine the rate of school district taxes within the
41 limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may
42 operate and finance joint educational programs.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
44 placed on the ballot:

45 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

46 ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 2 and 4

47 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND SCHOOL
48 BOARDS.—Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to
49 provide that, subject to Article I, Section 6 of the State
50 Constitution, the school board within each school district,
51 rather than the State Board of Education, shall set the wages,
52 hours, and terms and conditions of employment for all school
53 board employees.