

By Senator Baxley

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1 Senate Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4  
3 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in  
4 Article XII of the State Constitution to limit the  
5 terms of office for members of a district school  
6 board.

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

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10 That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and  
11 the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State  
12 Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the  
13 electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next  
14 general election or at an earlier special election specifically  
15 authorized by law for that purpose:

16 ARTICLE IX

17 EDUCATION

18 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.—

19 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;  
20 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the  
21 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into  
22 one school district. In each school district there shall be a  
23 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of  
24 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately  
25 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

26 (b) The school board shall operate, control and supervise  
27 all free public schools within the school district and determine  
28 the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed  
29 herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance

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30 joint educational programs.

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

36 ARTICLE XII

37 SCHEDULE

38 Limitation on terms of office for members of a district  
39 school board.—This section and the amendment to Section 4 of  
40 Article IX imposing limits on the terms of office for members of  
41 a district school board shall take effect upon approval by the  
42 electors, but service in a term of office which commenced before  
43 November 8, 2022, may not be counted toward the limitation  
44 imposed by the amendment.

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

47 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

48 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

49 ARTICLE XII

50 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT  
51 SCHOOL BOARD.—Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to  
52 limit terms for school board members by prohibiting incumbent  
53 members who have held the office for the preceding eight years  
54 from appearing on a ballot for reelection to that office, which  
55 applies only to terms of office beginning on or after November  
56 8, 2022.