

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Hernando County School
 3 District, Hernando County; providing legislative
 4 findings; repealing the School Board of Hernando
 5 County resolution which provides for an appointed
 6 superintendent of schools; providing for an elected
 7 superintendent of schools; requiring a referendum;
 8 providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Findings of fact.—The Legislature finds that
 13 the School Board of Hernando County adopted a resolution to
 14 change the position of the Hernando County Superintendent of
 15 Schools from an elected position to an appointed position and
 16 that such resolution was approved by the electorate during the
 17 March 10, 1992, presidential preference primary.

18 Section 2. Repeal of resolution.—Pursuant to Section 5,
 19 Article IX of the State Constitution, the resolution described
 20 in section 1 is repealed. The Hernando County Superintendent of
 21 Schools shall be elected in a partisan election to a term of 4
 22 years by vote of the qualified electors residing in Hernando
 23 County, beginning with the general election in 2026.

24 Section 3. Referendum election.—

25 (1) As required by Section 5, Article IX of the State

26 Constitution, during the 2024 primary election, there shall be
 27 held a referendum election concerning whether section 2 shall
 28 become a law.

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

31 REPEALING RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN APPOINTED, RATHER
 32 THAN AN ELECTED, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

35 Currently, by resolution, the Hernando County School Board
 36 provides for an appointed Superintendent of Schools for
 37 the Hernando County School District. Shall Chapter 2023-
 38 , Laws of Florida, which repeals the Hernando County
 39 School Board Resolution and provides that the
 40 Superintendent of Schools shall no longer be appointed by
 41 the School Board, but shall be elected in a partisan
 42 election for a term of four years, beginning with the 2026
 43 General Election, become effective?

44 () Yes.

45 () No.

46 (4) The referendum election shall be conducted by the
 47 Supervisor of Elections of Hernando County in accordance with
 48 the Florida Election Code.

49 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law,
 50 except that section 2 shall take effect only upon approval by a

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51 | majority vote of those qualified electors of Hernando County
52 | voting in a referendum to be held in conjunction with the 2024
53 | primary election.