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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Grall) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 57 - 126
and insert:
a member of the board for twelve years. Service in a term of office which commences on or before November 3, 2026, does not count toward the limitation imposed by this subsection.

(f) NON-CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties not operating under county charters shall have such power of self-government as is provided by general or special law. The board of county



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11 commissioners of a county not operating under a charter may
12 enact, in a manner prescribed by general law, county ordinances
13 not inconsistent with general or special law, but an ordinance
14 in conflict with a municipal ordinance shall not be effective
15 within the municipality to the extent of such conflict.

16 (g) CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties operating under county
17 charters shall have all powers of local self-government not
18 inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by
19 vote of the electors. The governing body of a county operating
20 under a charter may enact county ordinances not inconsistent
21 with general law. The charter shall provide which shall prevail
22 in the event of conflict between county and municipal
23 ordinances.

24 (h) TAXES; LIMITATION. Property situate within
25 municipalities shall not be subject to taxation for services
26 rendered by the county exclusively for the benefit of the
27 property or residents in unincorporated areas.

28 (i) COUNTY ORDINANCES. Each county ordinance shall be
29 filed with the custodian of state records and shall become
30 effective at such time thereafter as is provided by general law.

31 (j) VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES. Persons violating county
32 ordinances shall be prosecuted and punished as provided by law.

33 (k) COUNTY SEAT. In every county there shall be a county
34 seat at which shall be located the principal offices and
35 permanent records of all county officers. The county seat may
36 not be moved except as provided by general law. Branch offices
37 for the conduct of county business may be established elsewhere
38 in the county by resolution of the governing body of the county
39 in the manner prescribed by law. No instrument shall be deemed



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40 recorded until filed at the county seat, or a branch office
41 designated by the governing body of the county for the recording
42 of instruments, according to law.

43 ARTICLE IX

44 EDUCATION

45 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.-

46 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
47 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
48 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
49 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
50 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
51 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
52 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law. A person may
53 not appear on the ballot for re-election to the office of school
54 board member, if by the end of the current term of office, that
55 person will have served, or, but for resignation, would have
56 served, as a member of the school board for twelve years.
57 Service of a term of office which commenced before November 8,
58 2022, does not count toward the limitation imposed by this
59 subsection.

60 (b) The school board shall operate, control and supervise
61 all free public schools within the school district and determine
62 the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed
63 herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance
64 joint educational programs.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
66 placed on the ballot:

67 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

68 ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1



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ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS.—This amendment to the State Constitution provides that a person is limited to serving twelve years as a member of a county commission and applies to terms of office that commence after November 3, 2026. This amendment also provides that a person is limited to serving twelve years as a member of a