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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution to require the Governor to appoint a state university student body president to the Board of Governors of the State University System.

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

That the following amendment to Section 7 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 7. State University System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees

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29 | consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the  
 30 | state university system. The board of governors shall establish  
 31 | the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of  
 32 | trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the  
 33 | governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of  
 34 | governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the  
 35 | senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by  
 36 | law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the  
 37 | president of the student body of the university shall also be  
 38 | members.

39 | (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors  
 40 | shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The  
 41 | board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible  
 42 | for the management of the whole university system. These  
 43 | responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining  
 44 | the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its  
 45 | articulation with free public schools and community colleges,  
 46 | ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the  
 47 | system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or  
 48 | programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers  
 49 | of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds,  
 50 | and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by  
 51 | law. The governor shall appoint to the board fifteen ~~fourteen~~  
 52 | citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university  
 53 | system, one of whom shall be a state university student body  
 54 | president. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the  
 55 | senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by  
 56 | law, except that a state university student body president

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57 appointed to the board shall serve a term of one year and shall  
 58 not be subject to senate confirmation. A student body president  
 59 is ineligible for appointment if the student body president  
 60 appointed to the board in the previous year was from the same  
 61 state university. The commissioner of education and, the chair  
 62 of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent,  
 63 ~~and the president of the Florida student association, or the~~  
 64 ~~equivalent,~~ shall also be members of the board.

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

67 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

68 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7

69 APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
 70 OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—Proposing an amendment to the  
 71 State Constitution to remove the president of the Florida  
 72 Student Association, or the equivalent, as a member of the Board  
 73 of Governors of the State University System and to require that  
 74 the Governor appoint a state university student body president  
 75 to the Board of Governors. Specifically, the amendment requires  
 76 that a state university student body president shall be one of  
 77 15 citizen members appointed to the Board of Governors by the  
 78 Governor, except that a state university student body president  
 79 is not subject to confirmation by the Senate and the term of  
 80 appointment is 1 year. The amendment also provides that a  
 81 student body president of a state university is ineligible for  
 82 appointment if the student body president appointed to the Board  
 83 of Governors in the previous year was from the same state  
 84 university.