

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution to provide that a school district may be established or abolished as provided by law and to provide for the election or designation of a school board.

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

That the following amendment to Section 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 4. School districts; school boards.—

(a) As provided by general or special law, any contiguous area of the state, whether a each county or a municipality, may ~~shall constitute a school district; provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district.~~

(b) ~~In~~ Each school district shall be governed by a school board. ~~there shall be~~ A school board shall be composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in an a ~~nonpartisan~~ election for appropriately staggered terms of four

27 | years, as provided by law, unless, by general or special law,
 28 | the governing body of a county or municipality constitutes the
 29 | school board.

30 | ~~(b)~~ The school board shall operate, control, and supervise
 31 | all free public schools within the school district and determine
 32 | the rate of school district levies ~~taxes~~ within the limits
 33 | prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and
 34 | finance joint educational programs.

35 | (c) A school district may be abolished by general or
 36 | special law. The operation, control, and supervision of all free
 37 | public schools within a school district abolished pursuant to
 38 | this subsection shall be prescribed by general or special law,
 39 | and the determination of the rate of school district levies in
 40 | such an abolished school district shall be prescribed pursuant
 41 | to general law.

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

44 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

45 | ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

46 | SCHOOL DISTRICTS; SCHOOL BOARDS.—Proposing an amendment to
 47 | the State Constitution to authorize any contiguous area of the
 48 | state to constitute a school district; provide for selection of
 49 | school board by partisan or nonpartisan election or designation
 50 | of county or municipal governing body; provide that a school
 51 | district may be abolished by law; and provide that operation,
 52 | control, and supervision of public schools, and determination of

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53 | school district levies, within an abolished school district
54 | shall be prescribed by law.