House



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 01/31/2018

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the resolving clause and insert:

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution are 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:

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ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

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SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.-

(a) Each county 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. In each school district there shall be a school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

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

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

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

Limitation on terms of office for members of a district school board.-This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article IX imposing term limits for the terms of office for members of a district school board shall take effect on the date it is approved by the electorate, but no service in a term of office which commenced prior to November 6, 2018, will be counted against the limitation imposed by this amendment. Florida Senate - 2018 Bill No. SJR 194

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40	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be	
41	placed on the ballot:	
42	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	
43	ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4	
44	ARTICLE XII	
45	LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT	
46	SCHOOL BOARDProposing an amendment to the State Constitution	
47	to limit terms for school board members by prohibiting incumbent	
48	members who have held the office for the preceding eight years	
49	from appearing on a ballot for reelection to that office and to	
50	provide that the amendment only applies to terms of office	
51	beginning on or after November 6, 2018.	
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54	And the title is amended as follows:	
55	Delete everything before the resolving clause	
56	and insert:	
57	A bill to be entitled	
58	A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4	
59	of Article IX and the creation of a new section in	
60	Article XII of the State Constitution to limit the	
61	terms of office for a member of a district school	
62	board; providing applicability; providing an effective	
63	date.	