

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; providing for 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 to an appointed position and that
 16 resolution was approved by the electorate during the March 10,
 17 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 20 in section 1 of this act is repealed. The Hernando County
 21 Superintendent of Schools shall be elected in a partisan
 22 election to a term of 4 years by vote of the qualified electors
 23 residing in Hernando County, beginning with the general election
 24 in 2026.

25 Section 3. Referendum election.—

26 (1) As required by Section 5, Article IX of the State
 27 Constitution, during the 2022 general election, there shall be
 28 held a referendum election concerning whether section 2 of this
 29 act shall become a law.

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

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

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

36 Currently, by resolution the Hernando County School Board
 37 provides for an appointed Superintendent of Schools for
 38 the Hernando County School District. Shall Chapter 2021-
 39 , Laws of Florida, which repeals the Hernando County
 40 School Board Resolution and provides that the
 41 Superintendent of Schools shall no longer be appointed by
 42 the School Board, but shall be elected in a partisan
 43 election for a term of four years, beginning with the 2026
 44 General Election, become effective?

45 () Yes.

46 () No.

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

50 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law,
51 except that section 2 shall take effect only upon approval by a
52 majority vote of those qualified electors of Hernando County
53 voting in a referendum to be held in conjunction with the 2022
54 general election.