1	House Joint Resolution
2	A joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 5
3	and 6 of Article VI and Section 4 of Article IX and
4	the creation of Section 8 of Article VI of the State
5	Constitution to provide that only qualified electors
6	with the same party affiliation as a candidate for
7	office may vote in the primary election for such
8	office, to provide that candidates for office may not
9	be prohibited from disclosing party affiliation or
10	campaigning or qualifying for office based on party
11	affiliation, and to prohibit exclusively nonpartisan
12	elections.
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14	Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	That the following amendments to Sections 5 and 6 of
17	Article VI and Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of
18	Section 8 of Article VI of the State Constitution are agreed to
19	and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for
20	approval or rejection at the next general election or at an
21	earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that
22	purpose:
23	ARTICLE VI
24	SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS
25	SECTION 5. Primary, General, and special elections
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26 A general election shall be held in each county on the (a) 27 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-28 numbered year to choose a successor to each elective state and county officer whose term will expire before the next general 29 30 election and, except as provided herein, to fill each vacancy in elective office for the unexpired portion of the term. A general 31 32 election may be suspended or delayed due to a state of emergency 33 or impending emergency pursuant to general law. Special 34 elections and referenda shall be held as provided by law. 35 Only qualified electors with the same party (b) 36 affiliation as a candidate for office may vote in the primary 37 election for such office If all candidates for an office have 38 the same party affiliation and the winner will have no 39 opposition in the general election, all qualified electors, 40 regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary 41 elections for that office. 42 SECTION 6. Municipal and district elections.-Registration 43 and elections in municipalities shall, and in other governmental 44 entities created by statute may, be provided by law; however, a 45 primary election for an office in any municipality or other

46 governmental entity created by statute may not be exclusively 47 nonpartisan, and only qualified electors with the same party 48 and a state of the same party 49 and a state of the same party 49 and 40 and

48 <u>affiliation as a candidate for office may vote in the primary</u>

49 <u>election for such office</u>.

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SECTION 8. Party affiliation and nonpartisan elections.-

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51	(a) A candidate for office in this state may not be
52	prohibited from disclosing his or her party affiliation to the
53	electors of this state and may not be prohibited from
54	campaigning or qualifying for such office based on party
55	affiliation.
56	(b) An election for office in this state may not be
57	exclusively nonpartisan.
58	ARTICLE IX
59	EDUCATION
60	SECTION 4. School districts; school boards
61	(a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
62	provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
63	electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
64	one school district. In each school district there shall be a
65	school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
66	the electors in <u>an</u> <del>a nonpartisan</del> election for appropriately
67	staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.
68	(b) The school board shall operate, control, and supervise
69	all free public schools within the school district and determine
70	the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed
71	herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance
72	joint educational programs.
73	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
74	placed on the ballot:
75	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
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76 ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 5, 6, AND 8 77 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4 78 OPEN PRIMARIES AND NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS PROHIBITED.-79 Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide that 80 only qualified electors with the same party affiliation as a 81 candidate for office may vote in the primary election for such 82 office, to provide that candidates for office may not be 83 prohibited from disclosing party affiliation or campaigning or 84 qualifying for office based on party affiliation, and to 85 prohibit exclusively nonpartisan elections.

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