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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution to option to divide school districts.

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) 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) Provision may be made by law for the division of a school district into two or more school districts, each having no

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30 fewer than 25,000 students, when approved by a vote of the
31 county's electors. School district taxes for the school districts
32 created pursuant to this subsection shall be imposed countywide
33 and distributed to the school districts in an equitable and
34 nondiscriminatory manner as provided by law. The rate of school
35 district taxes shall be determined by a board consisting of an
36 equal number of school board members from each school district in
37 the county as provided by law.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
39 placed on the ballot:

40 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

41 ARTICLE IX SECTION 4

42 AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT INTO TWO OR
43 MORE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.--Proposing an amendment to the State
44 Constitution to provide that school districts may be divided into
45 two or more school districts, each having no fewer than 25,000
46 students, as provided by law and upon a vote of the county's
47 electors; to provide that school district taxes shall be imposed
48 countywide and distributed to the school districts in an
49 equitable and nondiscriminatory manner as provided by law; and to
50 provide that the rate of school district taxes shall be
51 determined by a board consisting of an equal number of school
52 board members from each school district in the county as provided
53 by law.