

By Commissioner Mathis

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE IX, s. 4, Fla. Const.; prohibiting the
3 election of district school board members in
4 countywide elections.
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6 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
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9 Section 1. Section 4 of Article IX of the Florida
10 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:
11 ARTICLE IX
12 EDUCATION
13 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.--
14 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
15 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
16 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
17 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
18 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote
19 of the electors for appropriately staggered terms of four
20 years, as provided by law. School board members may not be
21 elected in countywide elections.
22 (b) The school board shall operate, control and
23 supervise all free public schools within the school district
24 and determine the rate of school district taxes within the
25 limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may
26 operate and finance joint educational programs.
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