

By Commissioner Marshall

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE IX, s. 4, Fla. Const.; providing for
3 nonpartisan school board elections.

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5 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
6 that:

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8 Section 1. Section 4 of Article IX of the Florida
9 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

10 ARTICLE IX

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12 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.--

13 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
14 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
15 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
16 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
17 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote
18 of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
19 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law. School
20 board members shall not be paid a salary, but may be
21 reimbursed for expenses related to their duties as provided by
22 law.

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

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