

By Commissioner Marshall

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE IX, s. 4, Fla. Const.; authorizing
3 certain counties to be divided into more than
4 one school district.

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

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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 ~~however:provided,~~

16 (1) Two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
17 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
18 one school district.

19 (2) A county with 45,000 or more students in the
20 district schools within the county may be divided into more
21 than one school district. Each school district must have no
22 fewer than 15,000 students, as provided by general or special
23 law and subject to approval by a vote of the electors of the
24 county. Notwithstanding other provisions of this constitution,
25 a commission may be created by special law in each county with
26 more than 45,000 students, which commission shall draw school
27 district boundary lines, allocate assets, and make provisions
28 for the contractual obligations, debts, and bonded
29 indebtedness of the school district, all of which shall be
30 subject to review and approval by the circuit court for
31 compliance with state and federal law. Except for millage

1 voted for bonded indebtedness, funding for operation and
2 capital outlay in school districts divided pursuant to this
3 section shall be calculated countywide and allocated as
4 provided by general law.

5 (b) In each school district there shall be a school
6 board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the
7 electors for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as
8 provided by law.

9 ~~(b)~~ The school board shall operate, control and
10 supervise all free public schools within the school district
11 and determine the rate of school district taxes within the
12 limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may
13 operate and finance joint educational programs.

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