	By Commissioner Donalds
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1	A proposal to amend
2	Sections 2, 4, and 7 of Article IX of the State
3	Constitution to provide that members of the State
4	Board of Education, district school boards, state
5	university boards of trustees, and the Board of
6	Governors of the State University System shall serve
7	without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement
8	for travel and per diem expenses in accordance with
9	state law.
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11	Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
12	Florida:
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14	Sections 2, 4, and 7 of Article IX of the State
15	Constitution are amended to read:
16	ARTICLE IX
17	EDUCATION
18	SECTION 2. State board of educationThe state board of
19	education shall be a body corporate and have such supervision of
20	the system of free public education as is provided by law. The
21	state board of education shall consist of seven members
22	appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to
23	confirmation by the senate. The state board of education shall
24	appoint the commissioner of education. Members of the state
25	board of education may not be compensated for their services to
26	the board, but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem
27	expenses in accordance with Florida law.
28	SECTION 4. School districts; school boards
29	(a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
30	provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
31	electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
32	one school district. In each school district there shall be a

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33	school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
34	the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
35	staggered terms of four years, as provided by law. Members of a
36	school board may not be compensated for their services to the
37	board, but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses in
38	accordance with Florida law.
39	(b) The school board shall operate, control and supervise
40	all free public schools within the school district and determine
41	the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed
42	herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance
43	joint educational programs.
44	SECTION 7. State University System
45	(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through
46	teaching students, advancing research and providing public
47	service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities
48	and economies, the people hereby establish a system of
49	governance for the state university system of Florida.
50	(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state
51	university system comprised of all public universities. A board
52	of trustees shall administer each public university and a board
53	of governors shall govern the state university system.
54	(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent
55	university shall be administered by a board of trustees
56	consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the
57	state university system. The board of governors shall establish
58	the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of
59	trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the
60	governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of
61	governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the
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Florida law.

donaldse-00056-17 201732 62 senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by 63 law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the 64 president of the student body of the university shall also be members. Members of a board of trustees may not be compensated 65 66 for their services to the board, but may be reimbursed for 67 travel and per diem expenses in accordance with Florida law. (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors 68 69 shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The 70 board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible 71 for the management of the whole university system. These 72 responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining 73 the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its 74 articulation with free public schools and community colleges, 75 ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the 76 system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or 77 programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers 78 of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, 79 and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens 80 81 dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The 82 appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve 83 staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of 84 85 faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the 86 Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be 87 members of the board. Members of the board of governors may not 88 be compensated for their services to the board, but may be 89 reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses in accordance with

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