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Commissioners Johnson and Washington moved the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the proposal clause
and insert:

Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution is
amended to read:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

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



12 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
13 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
14 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
15 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
16 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
17 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
18 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

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

24 (c) The legislature shall provide by law the process by
25 which a school district can qualify for the designation of
26 innovation school district. The district school board may, by
27 majority vote of the board, seek the innovation school district
28 designation. The school board shall continue to operate,
29 control, and supervise all free public schools within the
30 innovation school district and the school board shall remain the
31 governing board of the innovation school district with the
32 district school superintendent as the chief executive officer.

33 In order to promote diverse and innovative educational
34 opportunities for all of Florida's students, school districts
35 seeking innovation district status shall be eligible for
36 exemption from all provisions of the Florida law in the same
37 manner as other public schools designated by Florida law. The
38 district school board shall indicate which of these exemptions
39 it seeks to obtain.

40 (d) The legislature shall enact legislation implementing



41 subsection (c) of this section, effective no later than July 1,
42 2019.

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45 And the title is amended as follows:

46 Delete everything before the proposal clause
47 and insert:

48 A proposal to amend
49 Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution to
50 authorize high-performing school districts to become
51 innovation school districts exempt from certain
52 provisions of law applicable to school districts and
53 requiring the legislature to implement by July 1,
54 2019.