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Commissioner .  
Comm: FAV .  
04/05/2018 .  
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The Committee on Style and Drafting (Jordan) recommended the following:

1           **CRC Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3           Delete everything after the proposal clause  
4 and insert:

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

7                           ARTICLE IX

8                           EDUCATION

9           SECTION 4. School districts; school boards; innovation



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10 school districts.-

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

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

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

33 (1) In order to promote diverse and innovative educational  
34 opportunities for all of Florida's students, school districts  
35 granted innovation district status shall be eligible for  
36 flexibility from provisions of Florida law in the same manner as  
37 other public schools designated by Florida law. The district  
38 school board shall indicate what flexibility from provisions of



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39 Florida law it seeks to obtain.

40 (2) The legislature shall enact legislation implementing  
41 this subsection effective no later than July 1, 2019.

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43 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the following statement be placed on  
44 the ballot:

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46 INNOVATION SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—Requires legislature to create  
47 process to designate high-performing school districts as  
48 innovation school districts; school boards may seek designation;  
49 permits flexibility from certain laws.

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51 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete everything before the proposal clause  
54 and insert:

55 REVISION 8  
56 A proposal to amend Section 4 of Article IX of the  
57 State Constitution to authorize high-performing school  
58 districts to become innovation school districts exempt  
59 from certain provisions of law applicable to school  
60 districts and requiring the legislature to implement  
61 by July 1, 2019.