



CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

Summary of Proposed Constitutional Revision

Revision 3 (P 6003) – School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools

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Revision 3 affects the governance of school districts, powers of school districts, and curriculum requirements within school districts. Specifically, this revision:

- Imposes a term limit of eight consecutive years for district school board members. This provision takes effect November 6, 2018, and the term limitation does not apply to terms of office which commenced prior to the effective date. District school board members are not currently subject to term limits.
- Provides that the state may operate, control and supervise public schools not established by the local school board. Currently, the Florida Constitution provides that district school boards have the exclusive power to operate, control, and supervise all free public schools geographically located within the school district. Public schools geographically located within a school district may include public schools which were not established by the district, such as university lab schools, virtual schools, and charter schools. Accordingly, such public schools, although not established by school districts, must apply to and be approved by local district school boards and are subject to school district control and supervision. The amendment allows the Florida Legislature to create an alternative process for the establishment, supervision, and control of other public schools, while local school boards will continue to supervise schools established by the board.
- Requires the Legislature to promote civic literacy in public schools.

If approved by the voters, Revision 3 takes effect January 8, 2019, except where otherwise indicated.

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