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CRC ACTION

Commissioner .
Comm: FAV .
04/05/2018 .
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The Committee on Style and Drafting (Jordan) recommended 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, and a new section is added to that article, to read:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.-

(a) Each county shall constitute a school district;



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

17 (b) A person may not appear on the ballot for re-election
18 to the office of school board if, by the end of the current term
19 of office, the person would have served, or but for resignation
20 would have served, in that office for eight consecutive years.

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

27 Civic literacy.-As education is essential to the
28 preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, the
29 legislature shall provide by law for the promotion of civic
30 literacy in order to ensure that students enrolled in public
31 education understand and are prepared to exercise their rights
32 and responsibilities as citizens of a constitutional republic.

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34 A new section is added to Article XII of the State
35 Constitution to read:

36 ARTICLE XII

37 SCHEDULE

38 Limitation on terms of office for members of a district
39 school board.-This section and the amendment to Section 4 of



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40 Article IX imposing term limits for the terms of office for
41 members of a district school board shall take effect on the date
42 it is approved by the electorate, but no service in a term of
43 office which commenced prior to November 6, 2018, will be
44 counted against the limitation imposed by this amendment.

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46 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the following statement be placed on
47 the ballot:

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49 SCHOOL BOARD TERM LIMITS AND DUTIES; PUBLIC SCHOOLS.-
50 Creates a term limit of eight consecutive years for school board
51 members and requires the legislature to provide for the
52 promotion of civic literacy in public schools. Currently,
53 district school boards have a constitutional duty to operate,
54 control, and supervise all public schools. The amendment
55 maintains a school board's duties to public schools it
56 establishes, but permits the state to operate, control, and
57 supervise public schools not established by the school board.

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

60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete everything before the proposal clause
62 and insert:

63 REVISION 3

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65 A proposal to amend Section 4 of Article IX and create
66 a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution
67 to establish a limitation on the period for which a
68 person may be elected as a member of a district school



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69 board and to specify which schools are operated,
70 controlled, and supervised by a school board and to
71 create a new section in Article IX of the State
72 Constitution to require the Legislature to provide for
73 the promotion of civic literacy in public education.