

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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Name (Print) _____

Residential Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

County _____ Voter Registration Number _____ OR Date of Birth ____/____/____

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the following proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election:

Ballot Title: SAVE OUR SCHOOLS AMENDMENT

Ballot Summary: This amendment requires the Governor to appoint an official to oversee the Florida Lottery’s Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and to ensure that money provided to schools from that fund is not then removed from the education budget by the State of Florida in violation of Florida Statutes 24.102. School districts are given the right to file complaints with the Governor’s appointee, and the right to take legal action to recover such funds.

Article and Section Being Amended: Article III, Section 19, Florida Constitution

Full Text of the Proposed Constitutional Amendment:

Article III, Section 19, Florida Constitution shall be amended to include the following:

The Governor shall appoint an official to oversee the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund of the Florida Lottery (the “Trust Fund”), pursuant to 24.121 Florida Statutes “The Florida Public Education Lottery Act” and assure that monies received by public schools or school districts of the State of Florida from the “Trust Fund” shall not be removed from the state budget for education by the Florida Legislature or the State of Florida, thereby causing an illegal substitution of state funds for monies from the “Trust Fund”. The Legislature is reminded that removal of education funds from the state budget based on monies received by the “Trust Fund” is not permitted under 24.102 Florida Statutes, and that the purpose of the Florida Lottery and the “Trust Fund” is to enhance education in the State of Florida. In addition, monies in the “Trust Fund” may not be used by the Legislature to fund other programs or projects without permission of the Florida Department of Education. The Governor’s appointee shall have the right and the responsibility to actively prevent any violation of Florida Statutes 24.102, or of this amendment, up to and including the bringing of legal action against the Florida Legislature or the State of Florida.

The school districts of the State of Florida shall have the right to file complaints with the Governor’s appointee if they believe funds have been removed from the budget for their district based on monies received from the “Trust Fund” in violation of Florida Statutes 24.102, and shall have the right to file legal action against the Legislature or the State of Florida if necessary to recover such funds.

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Date of Signature X
Signature of Registered Voter

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