REVISION 3
A proposal to revise the State Constitution by the Constitution Revision Commission of Florida.

A proposed revision relating to education; amending Section 4 of Article IX and creating a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to establish a limitation on the period for which a person may serve as a member of a district school board; amending Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution to specify which schools are operated, controlled, and supervised by a school board; and creating a new section in Article IX of the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide for the promotion of civic literacy in public education.

Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of Florida:

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; provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district. In each school district there shall be a
school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
staggered terms of four years, as provided by law. A person may
not appear on the ballot for re-election to the office of school
board if, by the end of the current term of office, the person
would have served, or but for resignation would have served, in
that office for eight consecutive years.

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

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

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

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

Limitation on terms of office for members of a district
school board.—This section and the amendment to Section 4 of
Article IX imposing term limits for the terms of office for
members of a district school board shall take effect on the date
it is approved by the electorate, but no service in a term of
office which commenced prior to November 6, 2018, will be counted against the limitation imposed by this amendment.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4, NEW SECTION
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION
SCHOOL BOARD TERM LIMITS AND DUTIES; PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—

Creates a term limit of eight consecutive years for school board members and requires the legislature to provide for the promotion of civic literacy in public schools. Currently, district school boards have a constitutional duty to operate, control, and supervise all public schools. The amendment maintains a school board’s duties to public schools it establishes, but permits the state to operate, control, and supervise public schools not established by the school board.