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A proposal to create

Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution to establish a governance structure for the State College System.

Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of Florida:

Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution is created to read:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 8. State College System.-

- (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence and to provide open access to undergraduate education to the students of this state; to originate the 2+2 pathway to a baccalaureate degree; to ensure superior commitment to teaching and learning; and to respond quickly and efficiently to meet the demand of communities by aligning certificate and degree programs with local and regional workforce needs, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state college system of Florida.
- (b) STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM. There shall be a single college system comprised of all public community and state colleges. A board of trustees shall administer each individually governed public college and the board of directors of the college system shall oversee, coordinate, and provide statewide leadership for the state college system.
- (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent college shall be administered by a local board of trustees, as prescribed by law, dedicated to the purposes of the state college system. A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college. The board

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of directors shall determine the powers and duties of the boards of trustees as prescribed by law. Each citizen member shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The board of directors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole college system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, affirming the distinctive mission of each constituent college, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, reinforcing articulation and pathways with public schools and the state university system, and avoiding unneccessary duplication of facilities or programs while assuring open and geographic access. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board sixteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state college system, including a state college faculty member and a student of the state college system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years, except the faculty member shall serve a two-year term and a student member shall serve a one-year term, as provided by law. The commissioner of education shall also be a member of the board.