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CRC ACTION

Commissioner .
Comm: FAV .
04/03/2018 .
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The Committee on Style and Drafting (Timmann) recommended the following:

1 **CRC Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3 Delete everything after the proposal clause
4 and insert:

5 Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution is
6 amended to read:

7 ARTICLE IX

8 EDUCATION

9 SECTION 7. State University System.—



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10 (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through
11 teaching students, advancing research and providing public
12 service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities
13 and economies, the people hereby establish a system of
14 governance for the state university system of Florida.

15 (b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state
16 university system comprised of all public universities. A board
17 of trustees shall administer each public university and a board
18 of governors shall govern the state university system.

19 (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent
20 university shall be administered by a board of trustees
21 consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the
22 state university system. The board of governors shall establish
23 the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of
24 trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the
25 governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of
26 governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the
27 senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by
28 law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the
29 president of the student body of the university shall also be
30 members.

31 (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors
32 shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The
33 board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible
34 for the management of the whole university system. These
35 responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining
36 the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its
37 articulation with free public schools and community colleges,
38 ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the



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39 system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or
40 programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers
41 of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds,
42 and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by
43 law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens
44 dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The
45 appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve
46 staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The
47 commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of
48 faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the
49 Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be
50 members of the board.

51 (e) FEES. Any proposal or action of a constituent
52 university to raise, impose, or authorize any fee, as authorized
53 by law, must be approved by at least nine affirmative votes of
54 the members of the board of trustees of the constituent
55 university, if approval by the board of trustees is required by
56 general law, and at least twelve affirmative votes of the
57 members of the board of governors, if approval by the board of
58 governors is required by general law, in order to take effect. A
59 fee under this subsection shall not include tuition.

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

62 And the title is amended as follows:

63 Delete everything before the proposal clause
64 and insert:

65 A proposal to amend
66 Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution to
67 establish minimum vote thresholds for university



68 boards of trustees and the board of governors to
69 impose or authorize a new fee or increase an existing
70 fee, as authorized by law.