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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 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution is amended, and section 8 is added to that article, to read:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 7. State University System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through



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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
39 system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or



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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.

60 SECTION 8. State College System.-

61 (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence and to provide
62 access to undergraduate education to the students of this state;
63 to originate articulated pathways to a baccalaureate degree; to
64 ensure superior commitment to teaching and learning; and to
65 respond quickly and efficiently to meet the demand of
66 communities by aligning certificate and degree programs with
67 local and regional workforce needs, the people hereby establish
68 a system of governance for the state college system of Florida.



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98 injury which results in the loss of the individual's life,
99 provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that
100 such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or

101 (2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result
102 of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active
103 duty.

104 (b) A death benefit shall be paid by funds from general
105 revenue when an active duty member of the United States Armed
106 Forces is:

107 (1) Accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily
108 injury which results in the loss of the individual's life,
109 provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that
110 such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or

111 (2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result
112 of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active
113 duty.

114 (c) If a firefighter; a paramedic; an emergency medical
115 technician; a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional
116 probation officer; or an active duty member of the Florida
117 National Guard or United States Armed Forces is accidentally
118 killed as specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1), or
119 unlawfully and intentionally killed as specified in paragraphs
120 (a)(2) and (b)(2), the state shall waive certain educational
121 expenses that the child or spouse of the deceased first
122 responder or military member incurs while obtaining a career
123 certificate, an undergraduate education, or a postgraduate
124 education.

125 (d) The legislature shall implement this section by general
126 law.



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(e) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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

FIRST RESPONDER AND MILITARY MEMBER SURVIVOR BENEFITS; PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.—Creates mandatory payment of education and compensation benefits to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the proposal clause and insert:

REVISION 2

A proposal to amend Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution to establish minimum vote thresholds for university boards of trustees and the board of governors to impose or authorize a new fee or increase an existing fee, as authorized by law; create Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution to specify the purposes of the State College System and



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156 to provide for the governance structure of the system;
157 and create a new section in Article X of the State
158 Constitution to establish the right of survivors of
159 specified first responders and military members to
160 death benefits.