

The Constitution Revision Commission
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Commissioner Donalds, Chair
Commissioner Nocco, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, December 14, 2017
TIME: 1:00—5:00 p.m.
PLACE: 401 Senate Office Building, Tallahassee, Florida

MEMBERS: Commissioner Donalds, Chair; Commissioner Nocco, Vice Chair; Commissioners Gainey, Solari, Stemberger, Timmann, and Washington

TAB	PROPOSAL NO. and INTRODUCER	PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION and COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/P 43 Education / Donalds	EDUCATION, School districts; school boards; Section 4 of Article IX to establish a limitation on the period for which a person may be elected as a member of a district school board. ED 11/27/2017 Fav/CS LO 12/14/2017 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 1
2	P 33 Donalds	EDUCATION, Superintendent of schools; SCHEDULE, creates new section; Section 5 of Article IX and create a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to require that the superintendent of schools of a school district be appointed by the district school board. ED 11/27/2017 Favorable LO 12/14/2017 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 4 Nays 2
3	P 37 Stemberger	MISCELLEANEOUS, creates new section; a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to prohibit the naming of public buildings, programs, or other facilities after municipal, county, or state elected officials unless certain requirements are met. GP 11/30/2017 Favorable LO 12/14/2017 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 1

**Constitution Revision Commission
Local Government Committee
Proposal Analysis**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the proposal as of the latest date listed below.)

Proposal #: P 43

Relating to: EDUCATION, School districts; school boards

Introducer(s): Commissioner Donalds

Article/Section affected: Article IX, Section 4

Date: December 11, 2017

	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>ED</u>	<u>Fav/CS</u>
2.	<u>LO</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>

I. SUMMARY:

The proposal amends section 4 of Article IX of the Florida Constitution to limit school board members to two consecutive four year terms. After serving two terms for a total of eight years, the school board member is ineligible to run for another term. The proposal provides that current service on the school board counts towards the eight year limit.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Florida School Boards

Section 4(a) of Article IX of the Florida Constitution provides that:

“Each county shall constitute a 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.”

The responsibility of each school district includes operating, controlling, and supervising all free public schools within the school district and determining the rate of school district taxes within the limits of the school district.¹

¹ Fla. Const. art. IX s. 4(b).

There are currently about 330 school board members across the 67 districts in Florida.² In 2016-17, there were approximately 50 new school board members.³ There is no provision in the Florida constitution or Florida law that limits the term of school board members.

Term Limits in Florida

Article 4 of Section VI of the Florida Constitution contains similar language to Proposal 43, which prohibits a person from appearing on the ballot for reelection for the following prescribed offices if they have served eight years in office:

- Florida representative;
- Florida senator;
- lieutenant governor;
- any office of the Florida cabinet
- U.S. representative or U.S. senate.⁴

The term limits provision under Article VI, which became effective in 1992, was as a result of a citizens' initiative.⁵ The limitation on time in office did not begin until the effective date of the amendment and thus service prior to the amendment did not count towards the eight years.

Term limits have been applied to county commissioners in charter counties as well. In *Telli v. Broward County*, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that charter counties may apply term limits to county commissioners.⁶

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The proposal amends section 4 of Article IX of the Florida Constitution to prohibit a person from appearing on a 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, for eight consecutive years.

² For a list of all Florida school boards and a link to the corresponding school boards website visit: <http://fsba.org/membership/school-boards/> (last visited 11/21/17).

³ *State of the Association: Making Strides for Public Education, 2016-17 Annual Report, Vol. 2*, pg. 3. Florida School Boards Association <http://fsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/1617-Annual-Report-FULL-BLEED-8-28-17-Final.pdf> (last visited 11/21/17).

⁴ Term limits for federal offices were found to be unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*, 514 U.S. 779 (1995). See Also *Ray v. Mortham*, 742 So.2d 1276 (Fla. 1999).

⁵ For more information related to the 1992 term limit constitutional amendment see <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=1066&seqnum=1> (last visited 11/21/17).

⁶ *Telli v. Broward County*, 94 So.3d 504 (Fla. 2012).

The proposals also provides that service on the school board before the proposed amendment takes effect shall accrue toward the eight-year limitation on the school board.

C. FISCAL IMPACT:

Indeterminate.

III. Additional Information:

A. Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the current version and the prior version of the proposal.)

The proposal was amended in the Education committee to apply retroactively from the effective date to the terms of current serving school board members.

B. Amendments:

The Education committee adopted amendment barcode: 843972

C. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

D. Related Issues:

None.



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CRC ACTION

Commissioner .
Comm: FAV .
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The Committee on Local Government (Donalds) recommended the following:

CRC Amendment

Delete lines 25 - 28

and insert:

Only service to the office of school board after 2015 shall
accrue toward the limitations prescribed herein.

By the Committee on Education; and Commissioner Donalds

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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 4 of Article IX to establish a limitation on
3 the period for which a person may be elected as a
4 member of a district school board.

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6 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
7 Florida:

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9 Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution is
10 amended to read:

11 ARTICLE IX

12 EDUCATION

13 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.—

14 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
15 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
16 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
17 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
18 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
19 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
20 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

21 (b) A person may not appear on the ballot for re-election
22 to the office of school board if, by the end of the current term
23 of office, the person would have served, or but for resignation
24 would have served, in that office for eight consecutive years.
25 Service to the office of school board since the last election of
26 the school board member before the effective date of this
27 subsection shall accrue toward the limitations prescribed
28 herein.

29 (c) ~~(b)~~ The school board shall operate, control and
30 supervise all free public schools within the school district and
31 determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits
32 prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and

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33 finance joint educational programs.

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PROPOSAL/CS by ED, Donalds;
EDUCATION, School districts; school boards.
11/27/17 CS by Education; YEAS 8 NAYS 0
12/07/17 On Committee agenda-- Local Government, 12/14/17, 1:00 pm, 401 Senate Office Building,
Tallahassee, Florida
12/14/17 CS/CS by Local Government; YEAS 5 NAYS 1

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

APPEARANCE RECORD

(Deliver completed form to Commission staff)

12/14/17

Meeting Date

P43

Proposal Number (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who?

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No Speaking in personal capacity

While the Commission encourages public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

Information submitted on this form is public record.

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CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

APPEARANCE RECORD

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12.14.17

Meeting Date

43

Proposal Number (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? LEAGUE of Women Voters of Florida

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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Meeting Date

43

Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic Term Limits

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? Florida School Boards Association

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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Meeting Date

43

Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic Term Limits

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? Florida School Boards Association

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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Proposal Number (if applicable)

Meeting Date

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

*Topic P43

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Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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Proposal Number (if applicable)
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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

*Topic P43 - Amendment

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

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Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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P43
Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic Amendment to term limits

Donalds Amendment
Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? _____

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Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

Speaking on personal capacity

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Proposal #: P 33

Relating to: EDUCATION, Superintendent of schools; SCHEDULE, creates new section

Introducer(s): Commissioner Donalds

Article/Section affected: Article IX, Section 5

Date: December 11, 2017

	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	ED	Favorable
2.	LO	Pre-meeting
3.		

I. SUMMARY:

The proposal revises section 5 of Article IX to require that the superintendent of schools of a school district be appointed by the district school board rather than elected. The proposal provides an effective date of November 17, 2020.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Section 5 of Article IX of the Florida Constitution requires that the superintendent must be elected at the general election in each year that is a multiple of four for a term of four years; or, when provided by resolution of the district school board, or by special law, approved by vote of the electors, the district school superintendent shall be employed by the district school board as provided by general law.

Appointed District School Superintendent

Of the 67 superintendents in Florida, 26 are appointed by the district school board.¹ This includes the following school districts: Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Duval, Flagler, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota, Seminole, and Volusia.

¹ See list of Superintendent provided by Florida Department of Education <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/data-sys/school-dis-data/superintendents.stml> (last visited 11/21/17).

Section 1001.461, F.S., provides procedures for making the office appointive, wherein the proposition is affirmed by a majority of the qualified electors voting in the same election making the office of superintendent appointive. After four years, any district adopting the appointive method may return to its former status by following the same procedures outlined in Section 1001.461(2), F.S., for adopting the appointive office.

A 2003 report by the Tennessee legislature notes that “Electing superintendents occurs only in the South and is becoming increasingly rare. Only four other states have any elected superintendents: Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and South Carolina. In 1992, 341 of the nation’s 15,000 district superintendents were elected; by September 2000, only 154 were elected.”²

Elected District School Superintendent

Currently of the 67 superintendents in Florida, 41 are elected.³ Section 1001.46, F.S., provides that the district school superintendent shall be elected for a term of 4 years or until the election or appointment and qualification of his or her successor. Currently, the only qualification for the position is that the person must not be convicted of a felony or be adjudicated mentally incompetent, and must live in the school district they wish to represent.⁴

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The proposal revises section 5 of Article IX of the Florida Constitution to mandate that all district superintends be appointed by the district school board. This would impact the current 41 districts with elected superintendents by requiring that the position of superintendent be appointed by the school board rather than elected.

If adopted, the proposal will supersede current law and require changes to Sections 1001.46 and 1001.461, F.S., to align with the constitutional amendment.

The impact to the education system is largely indeterminate.

This proposal will modify the salary structure for elected superintendents. Section 1001.47, F.S., sets the base salaries for elected superintendents; there is no such law for appointed superintendents. The salary for appointed superintendents will be established by the district school board.

² *Elected v. Appointed Superintendent: Questions and Answers: A Legislative Briefing Paper*, John G. Morgan, Comptroller of the Treasury, Office of Education Accountability, State of Tennessee, pg. 17, 11/03.

<http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/Repository/RE/superintendents.pdf> (last visited 11/21/17).

³ See list of Superintendent provided by Florida Department of Education <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/data-sys/school-dis-data/superintendents.shtml> (last visited 11/21/17).

⁴ Section 4, Article VI. Florida Constitution

The proposal removes the requirement to be bound by election year and thus a term of four years. This change will allow each school board to appoint a superintendent for a period of time based on the agreed upon contract. The removal of an appointed superintendent will be at the approval of the district school board as opposed to voters during an election year.

If adopted by the Constitution Revision Commission, the proposed amendment will be submitted to Florida's electors for approval or rejection at the next general election (November 6, 2018). If approved by the voters, the amendment takes effect on November 17, 2020. As a result, any superintendents that had been elected after the 2016 election cycle will be impacted.

C. FISCAL IMPACT:

Indeterminate.

III. Additional Information:

A. Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the current version and the prior version of the proposal.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

C. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

D. Related Issues:

None.

By Commissioner Donalds

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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 5 of Article IX and create a new section in
3 Article XII of the State Constitution to require that
4 the superintendent of schools of a school district be
5 appointed by the district school board.

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7 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
8 Florida:

9
10 Section 5 of Article IX of the State Constitution is
11 amended to read:

12 ARTICLE IX

13 EDUCATION

14 SECTION 5. Superintendent of schools.—In each school
15 district, there shall be a superintendent of schools who is
16 appointed and ~~shall be elected at the general election in each~~
17 ~~year the number of which is a multiple of four for a term of~~
18 ~~four years; or, when provided by resolution of the district~~
19 ~~school board, or by special law, approved by vote of the~~
20 ~~electors, the district school superintendent in any school~~
21 ~~district shall be employed by the district school board as~~
22 ~~provided by general law. The resolution or special law may be~~
23 ~~rescinded or repealed by either procedure after four years.~~

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

27 ARTICLE XII

28 SCHEDULE

29 Appointment of superintendents of schools.—The amendment to
30 Article IX, section 5, requiring the district school board to
31 appoint the superintendent of schools shall take effect November
32 17, 2020.

P0033
PROPOSAL by Donalds;
EDUCATION, Superintendent of schools; SCHEDULE, creates new section.
12/01/17 Now in Local Government
12/07/17 On Committee agenda-- Local Government, 12/14/17, 1:00 pm, 401 Senate Office Building,
Tallahassee, Florida
12/14/17 Favorable by- Local Government; YEAS 4 NAYS 2

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Meeting Date

P. 33

Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic _____

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

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Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

While the Commission encourages public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic _____

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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If yes, who? Taylor County

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic P.33

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If yes, who? GADSDEN COUNTY

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

While the Commission encourages public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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Proposal Number (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who?

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No Speaking in personal capacity

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Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic Constitution Revision - Educ.

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? _____

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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33
Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic Appointment of Superintendent of schools Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

While the Commission encourages public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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*Topic P-33

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

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Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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P 33
Proposal Number (if applicable)

*Topic P-33 - Education, Supt. of Schools

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? madison County

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

Are you an elected official or judge? Yes No

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Waive Speaking: In Support Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? Walton County Florida

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable) _____

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

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If yes, who? _____

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

If yes, who? Franklin County

Are you a registered lobbyist? Yes No

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Are you representing someone other than yourself? Yes No

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**Constitution Revision Commission
Local Government Committee
Proposal Analysis**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the proposal as of the latest date listed below.)

Proposal #: P 37

Relating to: MISCELLEANEOUS, creates new section

Introducer(s): Commissioner Stemberger

Article/Section affected: Article X, New Section

Date: December 11, 2017

	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>GP</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>LO</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>

I. SUMMARY:

The proposal amends Art. X of the Florida Constitution by adding a new section that prohibits state or local governments from naming government buildings, facilities, land or a government administered program after an elected state or local official, until after that official has vacated office.

The proposal also requires that any law or ordinance which names a building, facility, land or program after a state or local elected official not contain provisions on any other subject.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Florida Constitution does not address the naming of government buildings, facilities, land, or programs after elected officials, nor does Florida law.

Other States

However, elected officials around the country have buildings named after them that the official aided in procuring funding to build.¹ U.S. Representative Michael McCaul of Texas has previously filed federal legislation entitled “No Monument to Me Act” that:

¹ *Politicians Use Tax \$\$ to Name Buildings after Themselves*, Fox Business, June 30, 2011. <http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2011/06/30/politicians-use-tax-to-name-buildings-after-themselves.html> (last visited 11/25/17).

“Prohibits the use of federal funds for any real property, project, or program named for an individual then serving as a Member of Congress (including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner) or as President. Excepts: (1) any presidential library; or (2) any project or program commenced, or any real property named, prior to the enactment of this Act.”²

The naming of buildings has earned national media coverage³, with one columnist nicknaming the practice “The Edifice Complex.” The practice happens at the local level as well. For example, a city councilwoman spent \$9,000 of bond money to build an obelisk with her image on it in a city park in her district.⁴

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The proposal prohibits government buildings, facilities, land, and government programs from being named after currently serving state or local elected officials. Additionally, “[a] law or ordinance enacted which names a building, a facility, or a tract of land, or a program after a former elected state or local official may not contain provisions on any other subject.”

C. FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

III. Additional Information:

A. Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the current version and the prior version of the proposal.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

C. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

D. Related Issues:

None.

² Quoting bill summary from H.R. 1826- 13th Congress (2013-2014). Available at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113thcongress/house-bill/1826> (last visited 11/25/17).

³ *The Edifice Complex*, Townhall, April 11, 2007. <https://townhall.com/columnists/johnstossel/2007/04/11/the-edificecomplex-n997555> (last visited 11/25/17).

⁴ *Personalized Monuments, Lest we Forget*, The Florida Times-Union, May 25, 2005. http://jacksonville.com/tuonline/stories/052505/woo_18824841.shtml#.Wg7_IOSWzcs (last visited 11/25/17)

By Commissioner Stemberger

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1 A proposal to create
2 a new section in Article X of the State Constitution
3 to prohibit the naming of public buildings, programs,
4 or other facilities after municipal, county, or state
5 elected officials unless certain requirements are met.
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7 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
8 Florida:
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11 Constitution to read:

12 ARTICLE X
13 MISCELLEANEOUS

14 Naming of governmental programs and government-owned
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PROPOSAL by Stemberger;
MISCELLEANEOUS, creates new section.
12/04/17 Now in Local Government
12/07/17 On Committee agenda-- Local Government, 12/14/17, 1:00 pm, 401 Senate Office Building,
Tallahassee, Florida
12/14/17 Favorable by- Local Government; YEAS 5 NAYS 1



CRC Proposal 37

**ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENT
WHEN NAMING PUBLIC PROJECTS
AFTER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

TEXT OF PROPOSAL 37

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- 2) It Requires the motion, bill or resolution to name the public project after an elected official as a stand-alone idea and not hidden on a train of other legislation like in an omnibus bill.

The proposal would apply to

All governmental bodies in Florida including:

- City Councils
- County Commissions
- The Florida Legislature

The proposal would apply to:

- ◎ State Building
- ◎ Road
- ◎ Bridge
- ◎ Park
- ◎ Recreational Complex
- ◎ & Publicly Funded Programs

Proposal 37 would NOT apply to:

- 1) Private organizations, non-profits and other NGOs
- 2) It would not apply to state or private schools, colleges and universities or University Board of Trustees
- 3) Naming of federal projects by Congress using federal funds

What have other states done?

- ⊙ **Montana** – University system bans naming structures after political candidates or statewide officeholders.
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What have other jurisdictions done?

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Florida Statutes:
Title XVIII PUBLIC LANDS AND PROPERTY
Chapter 267 HISTORICAL RESOURCES

267.062 Naming of state buildings and other facilities.—

- (1) ***Except as specifically provided by law***, no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility shall be named for any living person.
- (2) **The division shall**, after consulting with the Florida Historical Commission, recommend several persons whose contributions to the state have been of such **significance that the division may recommend** that state buildings and facilities be named for them.
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History.—ss. 1, 2, ch. 71-267; s. 50, ch. 86-163; s. 7, ch. 2001-199; s. 5, ch. 2007-246; s. 18, ch. 2011-177.

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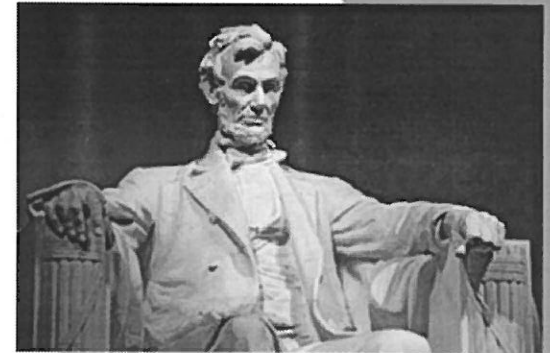
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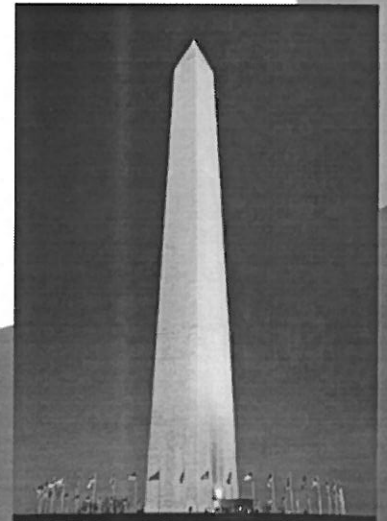
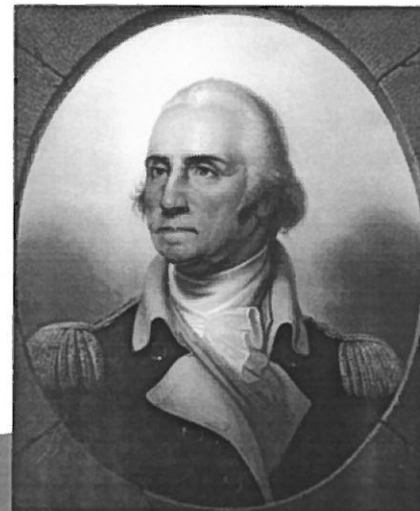
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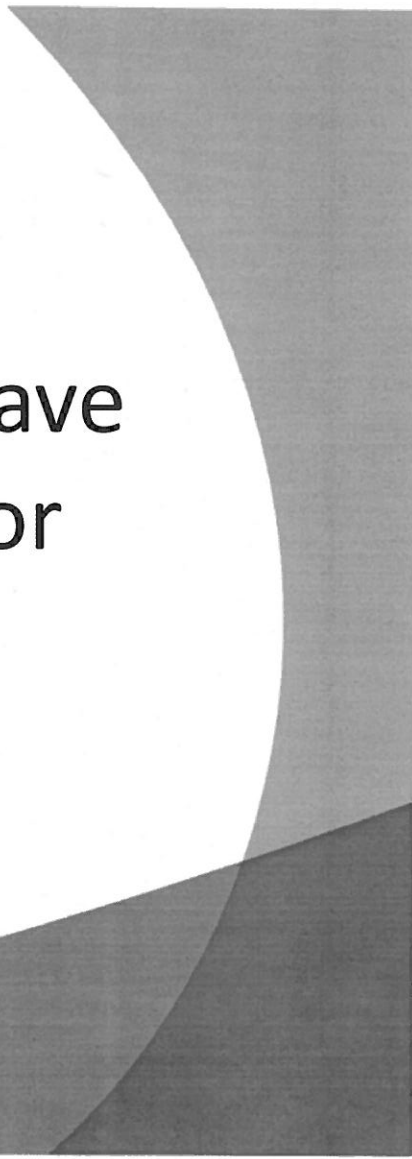
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James E. "Jim" King, Jr. Committee Room
Designated on August 4, 2009

Senate Service 1999-2009
President 2002-2004

House of Representatives Service 1986-1999

Senator James E. "Jim" King, Jr. of Jacksonville was elected to the Florida Senate in 1999, where he served as Senate President, 2002-2004, and Senate Majority Leader, 2005-2008. Senator King dedicated himself to supporting the lives of all Floridians by championing legislation on "Direct with Integrity", biomedical research, environmental protection, and education, particularly in shaping the future of the Jackson State University. Florida State University. He distinguished himself as a respected leader and consensus builder and will be forever remembered for his unyielding pursuit, maintenance to principle, unwavering sense of humor, and love for people.

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New Library In University Community Set To Be Named After Atty. Arthenia Joyner


Posted on 24 August 2017.

Former State Sen. Atty Arthenia Joyner By Kenya Woodard Sentinel Feature Writer When the newest branch in the county library system opens later this year, it could bear the name of one of Tampa's most prominent citizens. Naming the University Area library after local attorney and former state senator Arthenia Joyner was up for discussion...

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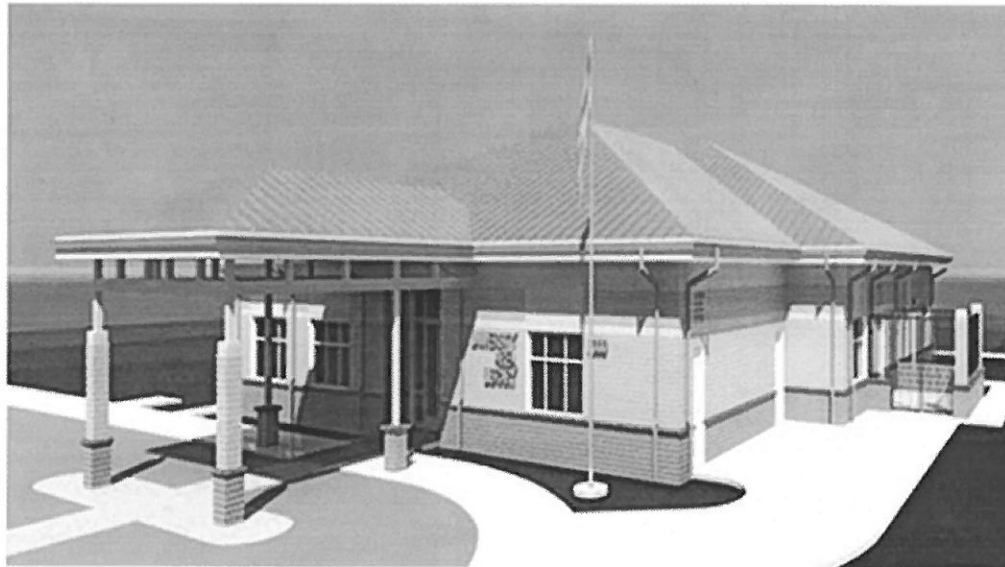




Locations

Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library

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Issue Best practices to improve recruiting process ROI

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online forms

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- Do not allow upload of résumé—this has to occur in order for data extraction technology to be optimized.

Large résumé
volumes

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Many formats

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Best Practices for Recruiting Process

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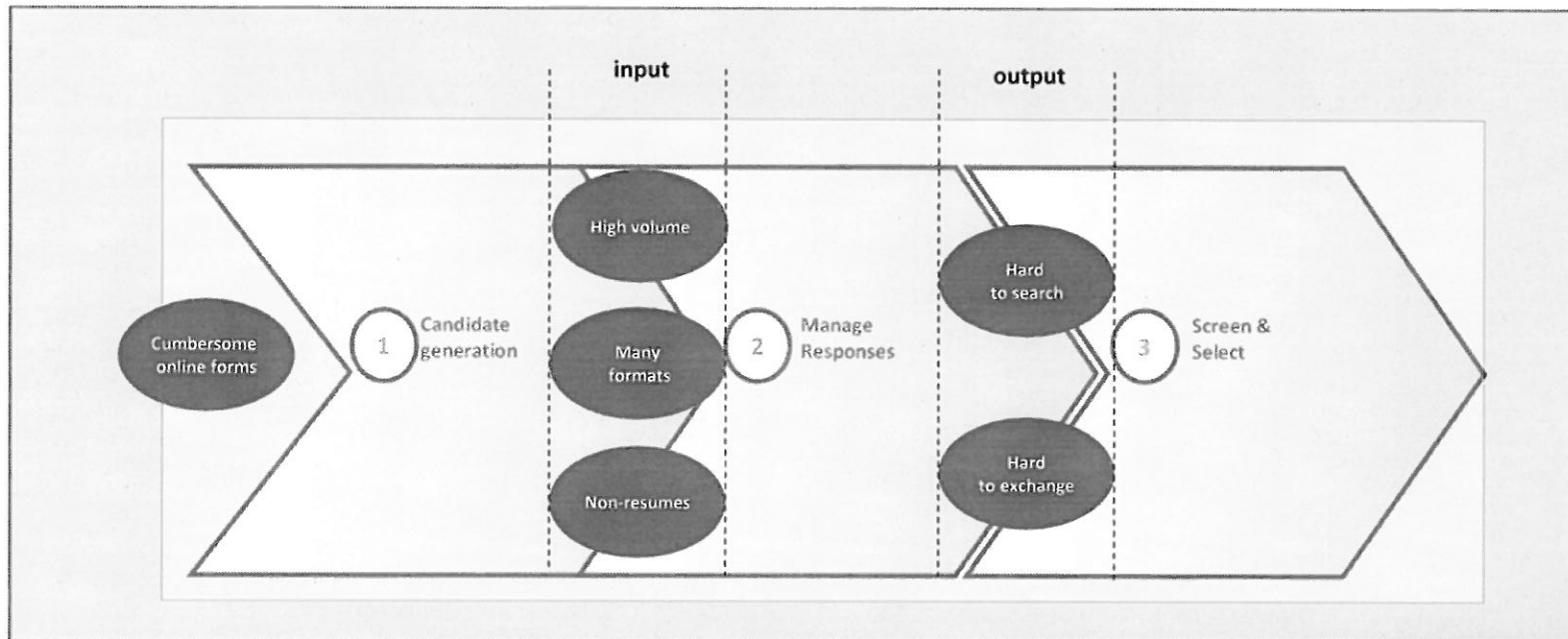
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Modify this diagram to describe your recruiting process or insert your own diagram.
Optimize the recruiting process by targeting known problem points.

Recruiting Process Bottlenecks



Overview

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- ⦿ Technology helps address key issues.
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CRC PROPOSAL 37:

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Presented by
CRC Commissioner John Stemberger

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The principle of this proposal is reflected in the wisdom of Proverbs 27:2 which says “Let another man praise you.”

Good Examples of the Ethical Honoring of Public Officials in Florida

- Tony Jennings Committee Room in Senate Office
- Jim King Committee Room in Senate Office
- Dan Webster Conference Room in Knott Building
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