

## CHAPTER 2023-328

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 773

An act relating to the Hernando County School District, Hernando County; providing legislative findings; repealing the School Board of Hernando County resolution which provides for an appointed superintendent of schools; providing for an elected superintendent of schools; requiring a referendum; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Findings of fact.—The Legislature finds that the School Board of Hernando County adopted a resolution to change the position of the Hernando County Superintendent of Schools from an elected position to an appointed position and that such resolution was approved by the electorate during the March 10, 1992, presidential preference primary.

Section 2. Repeal of resolution.—Pursuant to Section 5, Article IX of the State Constitution, the resolution described in section 1 is repealed. The Hernando County Superintendent of Schools shall be elected in a partisan election to a term of 4 years by vote of the qualified electors residing in Hernando County, beginning with the general election in 2028.

Section 3. Referendum election.—

(1) As required by Section 5, Article IX of the State Constitution, during the 2024 primary election, there shall be held a referendum election concerning whether section 2 shall become a law.

(2) The ballot title for the referendum question shall be in substantially the following form:

REPEALING RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN APPOINTED,  
RATHER THAN AN ELECTED, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

(3) The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot in substantially the following form:

Currently, by resolution, the Hernando County School Board provides for an appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Hernando County School District. Shall Chapter 2023- , Laws of Florida, which repeals the Hernando County School Board Resolution and provides that the Superintendent of Schools shall no longer be appointed by the School Board, but shall be elected in a partisan election for a term of four years, beginning with the 2028 General Election, become effective?

( ) Yes.

( ) No.

(4) The referendum election shall be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections of Hernando County in accordance with the Florida Election Code.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, except that section 2 shall take effect only upon approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of Hernando County voting in a referendum to be held in conjunction with the 2024 primary election.

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2023.

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