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Commissioner Washington moved the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the proposal clause
and insert:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 7. State University System.—

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



12 governance for the state university system of Florida.

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

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

29 (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors
30 shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The
31 board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible
32 for the management of the whole university system. These
33 responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining
34 the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its
35 articulation with free public schools and community colleges,
36 ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the
37 system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or
38 programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers
39 of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds,
40 and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by



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41 law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens
42 dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The
43 appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve
44 staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The
45 commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of
46 faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the
47 Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be
48 members of the board.

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

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58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 Delete everything before the proposal clause
60 and insert:

61 A proposal to amend

62 Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution to
63 establish minimum vote thresholds for university boards of
64 trustees and the board of governors to impose or authorize a new
65 fee or increase an existing fee, as authorized by law.