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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution to
3 provide a limitation as to the opening date for
4 schools set by a 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) The school board shall operate, control and supervise
22 all free public schools within the school district and determine
23 the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed
24 herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance
25 joint educational programs.

26 (c) A school board may not set the opening date for schools
27 in the school district for earlier than seven days before Labor
28 Day each year.