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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of resolution.—Pursuant to Section 5, Article IX of the State Constitution, the resolution described in section 1 is repealed.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

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26 Constitution, during the 2024 primary election, there shall be  
 27 held a referendum election concerning whether section 2 shall  
 28 become a law.

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

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

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

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

44 ( ) Yes.

45 ( ) No.

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

49 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law,  
 50 except that section 2 shall take effect only upon approval by a

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51 | majority vote of those qualified electors of Hernando County  
52 | voting in a referendum to be held in conjunction with the 2024  
53 | primary election.