

## MEMORANDUM

December 19, 2017

**TO:** The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

**FROM:** Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AME/VD*

**SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION UPDATE – DECEMBER 2017**

The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) met the week of December 11-15, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida. The Education Committee of CRC met on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Several presentations were heard related to the following topics: charter school authorizers; school start dates; high-performing districts; fee waivers; financial aid; mission of public education; and students with unique abilities.

Proposal #43, related to term limits for school board members, and Proposal #33, requiring school superintendents to be appointed by the local school board, passed in the Local Government Committee on Thursday, December 14, 2017. The proposal on term limits for school board members (Proposal #43) limits school board members to eight years of service with time in office after 2015 accruing toward the prescribed limitation.

You may recall Proposal #32, which would have school board members serve without compensation, was defeated in the Education Committee on November 27, 2017, but left pending by a motion by Commissioner Chris Sprowls. The sponsor of the proposal, Commissioner Erika Donalds, has indicated that she plans on bringing back the issue. The proposal is still currently reported in the Education Committee.

Other proposals discussed during this past week that are being followed include:

- Proposal #72 would create a new section in Article VII to establish that a law may not impose a new state tax or fee or increase an existing state tax or fee unless passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each chamber of the Legislature. This proposal passed the Finance and Taxation Committee.
- Proposal #103 would amend Section 3 of Article III to provide that the Legislature convene for regular session on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each even-numbered year.

The next committee meetings are scheduled for January 8-12, 2018. All CRC committee meetings are open to the public and will be livestreamed by The Florida Channel on [www.TheFloridaChannel.org](http://www.TheFloridaChannel.org).

Proposals that are approved in committees would be subject to a final vote by the full 37-member commission in order to be placed on the 2018 ballot during the general election.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

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