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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 570

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Proposing amendments to Section 1 of Article V and Section 4 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to executive power and the Governor's term of office and to the Board of Education.

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendments to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby are, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Section 1 of Article V and Section 4 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE V
EXECUTIVE

Section 1. Executive power; Governor's term of office.

The chief executive power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a Governor. He shall hold office for a term commencing upon his inauguration on the Saturday after the second Wednesday in January, next succeeding his election, and ending in the fourth year thereafter immediately upon the inauguration of his successor. He shall be ineligible to the same office for the term next succeeding that for which he was elected, and to any other office during his term of service. No person shall be elected to the office of Governor more than twice, and no person who has held the office of Governor, or acted as Governor for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected Governor, shall be elected to the office of Governor more than once. The authorization to serve two terms in succession shall be applicable to persons first elected to serve as Governor in 2009 and thereafter.

ARTICLE VIII
EDUCATION

Section 4. Board of Education.

The general supervision of the public school system shall be vested in a Board of Education of nine members; ~~to be~~. *Four members, including one member designated to serve as president of the Board, shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Three members shall be appointed by the House of Delegates in accordance with the rules of the House, and two members shall be appointed by the Senate in accordance with the rules of the Senate.* Each appointment shall be for ~~four years~~ *a four-year term beginning February 1*, except that those to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. Terms shall be staggered, so that no more than three regular appointments shall be made in the same year. *No person shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive full terms. Upon being inaugurated, the Governor shall appoint the president and one additional member. The Governor shall appoint one additional member in each of the two years following his inaugural year. The House of Delegates shall appoint one member in each of the three years following the Governor's inaugural year. The Senate shall appoint one member in the second year and one member in the third year following the Governor's inaugural year. Each member in office on the effective date of this provision shall serve until his successor has been appointed.*

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