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Senate Joint Resolution H (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Wayne Kuipers
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The joint resolution proposes an amendment to Article VIII, Section 3 of the State Constitution, to require the Governor, rather than the State Board of Education, to appoint the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and to set his or her term of office. The appointment could not occur without the advice and consent of the Senate.

The joint resolution would have to be submitted to the voters at the next general election, if two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of the Legislature approved the resolution.

Article VIII, Section 3 provides that the Superintendent of Public Instruction is the principal executive officer of the State Department of Education. The Superintendent is also the chairperson of the Board of Education without the right to vote, and is responsible for the execution of its policies.

Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

FISCAL IMPACT

The joint resolution would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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