

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

January 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Appointment of Acting Commissioner of Education and Process for Selection of Permanent Commissioner

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Action

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 20.15, Florida Statutes, and State Constitution Article IX, Section 2

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

20.15, Florida Statutes, Department of Education.--There is created a Department of Education.

(1) **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**--In accordance with s. 2, Art. IX of the State Constitution, the State Board of Education is a body corporate and must supervise the system of free public education as is provided by law. The State Board of Education is the head of the Department of Education.

(2) **COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.**--The Commissioner of Education is appointed by the State Board of Education and serves as the Executive Director of the Department of Education.

Article IX, SECTION 2. State Constitution. State board of education.--The state board of education shall be a body corporate and have such supervision of the system of free public education as is provided by law. The state board of education shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the senate. The state board of education shall appoint the commissioner of education.

History.--Am. proposed by Constitution Revision Commission, Revision No. 8, 1998, filed with the Secretary of State May 5, 1998; adopted 1998

Supporting Documentation Included: n/a

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