

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
AS REVISED IN 1968 AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED

ARTICLE IX - EDUCATION

SECTION 8. State College System.—

(a) **PURPOSES.** In order to achieve excellence and to provide access to undergraduate education to the students of this state; to originate articulated pathways to a baccalaureate degree; to ensure superior commitment to teaching and learning; and to respond quickly and efficiently to meet the demand of communities by aligning certificate and degree programs with local and regional workforce needs, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state college system of Florida.

(b) **STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM.** There shall be a single state college system comprised of all public community and state colleges. A local board of trustees shall govern each state college system institution and the state board of education shall supervise the state college system.

(c) **LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES.** Each state college system institution shall be governed by a local board of trustees dedicated to the purposes of the state college system. A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college. The powers and duties of the boards of trustees shall be provided by law. Each member shall be appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the senate.

(d) **ROLE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.** The state board of education shall supervise the state college system as provided by law.

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