

Mr. Frank J. Cobo, Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE FOR TERM  
LIMITS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

**COMMITTEE:       LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND  
PERSONNEL SERVICES**

School Board member terms are set by the Florida Constitution for an unlimited four years each. Article IX, Section 4(a) provides: "...In each school district there shall be a school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law."

As such, it would appear that school board member terms may be changed by amending or revising the Florida Constitution through a statewide general election. The method for such an amendment or revision may be initiated by the Legislature or the citizens of the state.

This item proposes that the Board adopt the concept of term limits for any school board that desires to establish term limits for itself and to include draft language to that effect in the School Board's legislative program.

**ACTION PROPOSED  
BY MR. FRANK J. COBO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,  
do the following:

1.     adopt the concept of term limits for any school board that desires to establish term limits for itself; and
2.     direct the Board Attorney to draft language to that effect to be included in the School Board's legislative program.