

Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL NO. 257

BY SENATORS DYESS AND ELLINGTON AND REPRESENTATIVE
WIGGINS

SCHOOLS. Constitutional amendment to eliminate the authority granted to city and parish school systems to Wards 9, 10, 11 in Rapides Parish and to authorize the repeal of relevant statutory provisions. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to remove the grant to the school system operated in Wards 9, 10, and 11 of Rapides Parish that it shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes, including the purposes of funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§13. Funding; Apportionment

Section 13.

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(D)~~(1)~~ Municipal School Systems. For the effects and purposes of this Section, ~~the school system operated in Wards 9, 10, and 11 of Rapides Parish,~~ and the municipalities of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish, Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and no others, shall be regarded and treated as parishes and shall have the authority granted parishes.

(2) Notwithstanding Article III, Sections 12 and 13 and any other provision of this Constitution, in any session of the legislature in which a school system is proposed to be removed from the provisions of this Paragraph including any such proposal effective at the same time as this Subparagraph, the legislature may by law, the effectiveness of which depends on the passage and adoption by the people of such proposition, eliminate any or all relevant statutory provisions without regard to the requirements of such Sections.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the gubernatorial primary election to be held in 1999.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

To remove the grant to the school system operated in Wards 9, 10, and 11 of Rapides Parish of the same authority granted parishes for purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes related to the

- 1 minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books
 2 and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local
 3 revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools.
 4 (Amends Article VIII, Section 13(D))

The original instrument was prepared by Sherri H. Breaux. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Diane M. Burkhart.

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DIGEST

Present constitution (Article VIII, Section 13(D)) states that for the effects and purposes of Article VIII, Section 13, the school system operated in Wards 9, 10, and 11 of Rapides Parish, and the municipalities of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish, Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and no others, shall be regarded and treated as parishes and shall have the authority granted parishes.

Proposed constitutional amendment deletes from the present constitution such provisions as applicable to Wards 9, 10, and 11 of Rapides Parish.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial primary election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §13(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Eliminates the creation of the authority for the Zachary Community Schools to be established and replaces it with a proposed constitutional amendment deleting from the constitution the authority for the establishment of a school system comprised of Wards 9, 10, and 11 in Rapides Parish.
2. Provides authority for the legislature to eliminate all statutory provisions regarding the Ward 9, 10, and 11 system in a bill which will repeal it.