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DIGEST

White (SB 354)

Present constitution (Art. VIII, Sec. 13(D)(1)) states that for the effects and purposes of Art. VIII, Sec. 13, the Central community school system and the Zachary community school system in East Baton Rouge 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. Such authority includes eligibility for funding through the minimum foundation program formula and the authority to levy certain local taxes to support public elementary and secondary schools. Further provides that no state dollars shall be used to discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating in providing educational opportunity for all students.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution except provides that for the effects and purposes of Art. VIII, Sec. 13, any other public school system established by the legislature shall be regarded and treated as parishes and shall have the authority granted parishes.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 13(D)(1))