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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows the legislature to amend the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula for funding city, parish, and other local public school systems only to change the base cost per pupil.

Present constitution requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to annually develop and adopt a formula which shall be used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and to equitably allocate the funds to parish and city school systems. Requires the formula to provide for a contribution by every city and parish school system. Provides that prior to approval of the formula by the legislature, the legislature may return the formula to BESE and may recommend an amended formula for consideration by BESE. Requires that the legislature annually appropriate funds sufficient to fully fund the current cost to the state as determined by the approved formula. Prohibits reduction in such appropriation except that the governor may reduce such appropriation under certain circumstances. Requires that funds appropriated be allocated according to the formula as adopted by BESE and approved by the legislature prior to making the appropriation. Provides that if the legislature fails to approve the formula most recently adopted by BESE, the last formula adopted by BESE and approved by the legislature shall be used to determine MFP cost and allocation of funds appropriated.

Proposed constitutional amendment deletes present constitution provision permitting the legislature to return the formula to BESE and recommend an amended formula and provides instead that the legislature may amend the formula only to change the base cost per pupil. Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution references to city and parish school systems to "city, parish, and other local public school systems." Otherwise retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 13(B))