

1 Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and ~~no others~~ **any other**
 2 **public school system created by the legislature**, shall be regarded and treated as parishes
 3 and shall have the authority granted parishes. Consistent with Article VIII of this
 4 constitution, relevant to equal educational opportunities, no state dollars shall be used to
 5 discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating in providing equal educational
 6 opportunity for all students.

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8 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 9 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
 10 2014.

11 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
 12 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 13 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 14 follows:

15 Do you support an amendment to grant any other public school system
 16 created by the legislature the same authority granted parishes for purposes of
 17 Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes
 18 related to the minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books
 19 and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the
 20 support of elementary and secondary schools? (Amends Article VIII, Section
 21 13(D)(1))

The original instrument was prepared by Linda Nugent. The following digest,
 which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared
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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 created 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Makes technical corrections.