

1 Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and ~~no others~~ **any other**
 2 **public school system established by the legislature**, shall be regarded and treated as
 3 parishes 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 established by the legislature the same authority granted parishes for
 17 purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana,
 18 including purposes related to the minimum foundation program, funding for
 19 certain school books and instructional materials, and the raising of certain
 20 local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools?

21 (Amends Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Linda Nugent.

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))