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HOUSE BILL NO. 593

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SCHOOLS: (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes legislation to provide for preparation and adoption of a plan for the structure and organization of governance of the Lafayette Parish school system subject to voter approval, including exceptions from certain constitutional provisions

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to add Article VIII, Section 9(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide
3	relative to the governance of the public school system of Lafayette Parish; to
4	authorize legislation to provide for preparation, adoption, and implementation of a
5	plan for the structure and organization of governance of the school system, including
6	certain exceptions to constitutional provisions; to require approval of the electors of
7	the parish for the plan to become effective; to provide for submission of the proposed
8	amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.
9	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
10	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
11	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add
12	Article VIII, Section 9(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
13	§9. Parish School Boards; Parish Superintendents; Exception
14	Section 9.
15	* * *
16	(C) Lafayette Parish Excepted. (1) The legislature may provide by law for
17	the preparation and adoption of a plan for the structure and organization of
18	governance of the public school system in Lafayette Parish and for changes in such

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plan. Such plan shall not be subject to the provisions of Paragraphs (A) and (B) of

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1	this Section or any other provision of this constitution that would restrict or limit the
2	structure and organization of school system governance or implementation of the
3	plan. The plan shall become effective only if approved by a majority of the electors
4	of the parish voting on a proposition or propositions therefor. If approved, the school
5	system governing authority provided in the plan shall be considered a school board
6	for purposes of provisions of this constitution, except as provided in this Paragraph.
7	(2) The legislature may provide by law for implementation of this Paragraph
8	and for changes in law in conformity with the adopted plan of governance, including
9	but not limited to local laws for the management of the school system.
10	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
11	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
12	2014.
13	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
14	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
15	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
16	follows:
17	Do you support an amendment to authorize legislation to provide for
18	preparation, adoption, and implementation of a new plan for the structure and
19	organization of governance of the school system of Lafayette Parish,
20	including certain exceptions to constitutional provisions, such plan to become
21	effective if approved by the voters of the parish? (Adds Article VIII, Section
22	9(C))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes legislation to provide for preparation and adoption of a plan for the structure and organization of governance of the Lafayette Parish school system subject to voter approval, including exceptions from certain constitutional provisions.

<u>Present constitution</u> requires the legislature to create parish school boards and provide for the election of their members. Requires each parish board to elect a superintendent of parish schools. Provides for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish the qualifications and duties of the parish superintendent. Specifies that the superintendent is not required to be a resident of the parish.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> authorizes legislation to provide for the preparation and adoption of a plan for the structure and organization of governance of the public school system in Lafayette Parish and for changes in such plan. Provides that the plan is not subject to <u>present constitution</u> described above or other constitutional provisions that would restrict or limit the structure and organization of school system governance or implementation of the plan. Requires approval of a majority of the electors of the parish voting on the proposition(s) for the plan to become effective. Provides that if the plan is approved, the school system governing authority shall be considered a school board for purposes of other constitutional provisions. Authorizes legislation to implement <u>proposed constitutional amendment</u> and to make changes in law in conformity with the adopted plan of governance, including but not limited to local laws for the management of the school system.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Adds Const. Art. VIII, §9(C))