

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 416

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

SCHOOLS/DISTRICTS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for the election of a president of each local public school district and for his appointment, subject to school board approval, of the local superintendent

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the election of a president of each local public school district; to provide for the president's appointment of the local superintendent, subject to school board approval; to provide that such appointment and the president's election, powers, duties, and qualifications shall be as provided by law; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§9. Parish School Boards; District Presidents; Parish Superintendents

Section 9.(A) Boards. The legislature shall create parish school boards and provide for the election of their members.

(B) Presidents. There shall be a president of each local public school district who shall be elected by the qualified electors of the district as provided by law. In addition to the powers granted to him by to Paragraph (C) of this Section, he shall have qualifications, powers, and duties as provided by law.

1 ~~(C) Superintendents. Each parish board~~ The district president shall elect
 2 appoint a superintendent of parish schools, subject to the approval of the school
 3 board. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall fix the
 4 qualifications and prescribe the duties of the parish superintendent. He need not be
 5 a resident of the parish in which he serves.

6 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 7 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,
 8 2016.

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

13 Do you support an amendment to provide for the election of a president of
 14 each public school district who shall appoint the local school superintendent,
 15 subject to the approval of the school board, and who shall have other powers,
 16 duties, and qualifications as provided by law? (Amends Article VIII, Section
 17 9)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an elected president of each public school district who shall appoint, subject to school board approval, the local superintendent and have other powers, duties, and qualifications as provided by law.

Present constitution provides that the legislature shall create parish school boards and provide for the election of their members. Requires each school board to elect a local superintendent, whose qualifications and duties shall be prescribed by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and who need not reside in the parish in which he serves.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for a president of each public school district elected by the district's qualified electors. Provides that he shall appoint the local superintendent, subject to school board approval, and that the president's election and his other powers, duties, and qualifications shall be as provided by law. Otherwise retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §9)