

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 340

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

SCHOOLS. Constitutional amendment to grant the St. Gabriel independent school system in Iberville Parish the same authority granted parishes pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Louisiana Constitution. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to public education; to provide that for certain effects and purposes, the St. Gabriel independent school system in Iberville Parish shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes, including the purposes of certain funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; 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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§13. Funding; Apportionment

Section 13.

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(D)(1) Municipal and Other School Systems. For the effects and purposes of this Section, the Central community school system and the Zachary community

1 school system in East Baton Rouge Parish, **the St. Gabriel independent school**
 2 **system in Iberville Parish,** and the municipalities of Baker in East Baton Rouge
 3 Parish, Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and no
 4 others, shall be regarded and treated as parishes and shall have the authority granted
 5 parishes. Consistent with Article VIII of this constitution, relevant to equal
 6 educational opportunities, no state dollars shall be used to discriminate or to have the
 7 effect of discriminating in providing equal educational opportunity for all students.

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9 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 10 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,
 11 2010.

12 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
 13 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 14 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
 15 read as follows:

16 To grant the St. Gabriel independent school system in Iberville Parish the
 17 same authority granted parishes for purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of
 18 the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes related to the minimum
 19 foundation program, funding for certain school books and instructional
 20 materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of
 21 elementary and secondary schools. (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 Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Present constitution (Art. VIII, Sec. 13(D)(1)) states that for the effects and purposes of Art. VIII, Sec. 13, including purposes related to the minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools, 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. Further provides that no state dollars shall be used to discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating in providing equal educational opportunity for all students.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 13(D)(1))