

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.

Present constitution 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.

Proposed constitutional amendment 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 present constitution 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 proposed constitutional amendment 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))