

1 Section 2. ~~Perpetual school fund.—The money which now is or which may hereafter be~~
2 ~~appropriated by law for the establishment of a permanent fund for the support of public schools,~~
3 ~~shall be securely invested and remain a perpetual fund for that purpose.~~ Judicial enforcement. —
4 This article shall be judicially enforceable. Any person or entity injured or threatened with any
5 injury because of any non-compliance with its provisions shall be entitled to bring an action in
6 Superior Court to enforce these provisions and to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief for any
7 violation thereof.

8 RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the state, the place of
9 Section 1 and Section 2, Article XII, of the Constitution, effective January 1, 2017; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors
12 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the
13 several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for
14 general officers of the state; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall cause the said proposition of amendment
16 to be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the
17 said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or
18 notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town,
19 ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, city, ward, or district
20 meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the town, city, ward, and district meetings to be held as aforesaid shall
22 be warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and
23 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
24 city, ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION

- 1 This amendment to the constitution of the state, if approved, would provide that it would
- 2 be the paramount duty of the general assembly, the department of education, and other
- 3 government agencies to provide Rhode Island residents with equal opportunities to receive an
- 4 education that is adequate to permit residents to achieve at high levels, effective January 1, 2017.
- 5 The amendment would also provide for judicial enforcement of this provision.

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