
DIGEST

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Havard

HB No. 531

Abstract: Removes all exceptions to the prohibition against "unfunded mandates" for public school systems.

Present constitution provides that no law requiring increased expenditures for any purpose within a city, parish, or other local public school system shall become effective within such school system:

- (1) Unless the legislature appropriates funds for the purpose to the affected school system and only to the extent and amount that such funds are provided; or
- (2) Until a law provides for a local source of revenue within the school system for the purpose and the affected school board is authorized by ordinance or resolution to levy and collect such revenue and only to the extent and amount of such revenue.

Present constitution provides that the prohibition against such laws becoming effective does not apply to the following:

- (1) A law:
 - (a) Requested by the school board of the affected school system.
 - (b) Defining a new crime or amending an existing crime.
 - (c) Enacted and effective prior to the adoption of the amendment of this Section of present constitution by the electors of the state in 2006.
 - (d) Enacted to comply with a federal mandate.
 - (e) Having insignificant fiscal impact on the affected school system.
 - (f) Relative to implementation of state school and district accountability system.
- (2) Any instrument adopted or enacted by 2/3 of the elected members of each house of the legislature.
- (3) Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula or any instrument adopted or enacted by

the legislature approving such formula.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes all of these exceptions.

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

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §14(B))