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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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RELATING TO: education.

PROVIDING THAT: the legislature shall have the power to authorize schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Itse, Rock 10; Rep. Comerford, Rock 33

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the legislature shall have the power to authorize political subdivisions to establish schools at their own expense and the legislature shall have the sole authority to fund such subdivisions as the legislature determines.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: education.

PROVIDING THAT: the legislature shall have the power to authorize schools.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That article 6 of the first part of the constitution be repealed and readopted to read as
2 follows:

3 [Art.] 6. Society ordered on the principles of self-government set forth in this Constitution will
4 give the best and greatest security to government, and instill in the members of government their
5 due subjection to the people; and as knowledge of these principles is best spread throughout the
6 community by making the public instruction of those principles available; therefore, the people of
7 this State hereby empower the Legislature to authorize the several political subdivisions to establish
8 and maintain schools for the public teaching of the principles and knowledge necessary for self-
9 government at their own expense. Provided that the political subdivisions shall at all times have the
10 exclusive right of appointing their own teachers and determining their own curriculum.
11 Nevertheless, the Legislature shall retain sole authority to supplement the education funding of the
12 political subdivisions in the degree, manner and mechanism as only the Legislature shall determine.
13 No citizen shall be compelled to pay for the religious education of another sect, denomination or
14 religion.

15 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
16 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2014.

17 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
18 insert in their warrants for the said 2014 election an article to the following effect: To decide
19 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2013 session of the general court shall
20 be approved.

21 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

22 “Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the first part of the Constitution to read as follows:

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8 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
9 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
10 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in
11 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
12 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional
13 Amendments proposed by the 2013 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the
14 ballot.

15 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
16 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.