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H.J.R. No. 16

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the exclusive  
2 legislative duty to support and maintain an efficient system of  
3 public schools.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article VII, Texas Constitution, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1. A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to  
8 the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall  
9 be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make  
10 suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient  
11 system of public free schools. The duty imposed by this section is  
12 the sole prerogative of the Legislature. Notwithstanding the rights  
13 and duties imposed by Article V of this constitution, the judicial  
14 branch of the State has no authority to interfere or issue a  
15 judgment or opinion on the actions of the Legislature implementing  
16 this section.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.  
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the  
21 exclusive legislative duty to support and maintain an efficient  
22 system of public free schools."