

Amendment to CACR 18

Amend the title of the resolution by replacing it with the following:

RELATING TO: funding of public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the legislature shall define standards for education, determine the level of state funding thereof, establish standards of accountability, and allocate state funds in a manner that mitigates disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, provided every school district receives a share of the funds.

Amend paragraph I of the resolution by replacing it with the following:

I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 83 the following new article:

[Art.] 83-a [Funding Public Education.] In fulfillment of the state's duties set forth in the preceding article, the legislature shall have the authority and responsibility to reasonably define standards for elementary and secondary education in its public schools, determine the level of state funding thereof and establish standards of accountability. The legislature shall have the authority to allocate state funds for public education in a manner that honors the rights and responsibilities of local communities and that reasonably will mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, provided that every school district receives a reasonable share of the state funds.

Amend paragraph IV of the resolution by replacing it with the following:

IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:  
"Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 83 a new article to read as follows:

[Art.] 83-a [Funding Public Education.] In fulfillment of the state's duties set forth in the preceding article, the legislature shall have the authority and responsibility to reasonably define standards for elementary and secondary education in its public schools, determine the level of state funding thereof and establish standards of accountability. The legislature shall have the authority to allocate state funds for public education in a manner that honors the rights and responsibilities of local communities and that reasonably will mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, provided that every school district receives a reasonable share of the state funds."