

RESOLUTION OF THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPPOSING THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO APPOINT STATE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND REQUIRING ALABAMA TO USE NATIONAL STANDARDS (COMMON CORE BAIT AND SWITCH)

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education consists of nine members, eight elected in districts with the remaining seat occupied by the Governor who serves as the body's President; and

WHEREAS, each member of the State Board of Education must now run for election every four years in accordance with the sacred tradition of democracy; and

WHEREAS, proposed Constitutional Amendment 284 would remove these eight elected members of the State Board of Education replacing them with non-elected residents who are appointed by the governor; and

WHEREAS, if Constitutional Amendment 284 were adopted, this great State's citizens will be denied the right to vote on their representative to the State Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 284 would require Alabama to use National Standards, a bait and switch tactic giving the appearance of purging Common Core State Standards while maintaining the very same objectionable standards by a different name, and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 284 would make Alabama dependent on other states for its courses of study (standards) as it says that Alabama standards must ensure "nationwide consistency" and a "seamless transfer" between states, and

WHEREAS, the only way to have a "seamless transfer" would be to share national standards with some forty other Common Core aligned states, thus locking Alabamians into Common Core, by whatever the current name, through the Alabama Constitution, and

WHEREAS this Alabama Republican Party stands for the right of Alabamians to vote for their representative to this important body, and to retain their right to choose what is taught in our classrooms to our students rather than to subordinate that choice to national standards, and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 284 will be on the ballot listed as Statewide Amendment 1 on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 to be voted on by all citizens of Alabama,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Party acting by and through its State Executive Committee duly assembled, hereby expresses its strong opposition to Constitutional Amendment 284, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the leaders of the Alabama Republican Party hereby urge all persons to vote "No" on Statewide Amendment 1 (Constitutional Amendment 284) in order to retain our right to elect members of the Alabama State Board of Education, and the right of Alabamians to establish standards that uphold both Alabama values and academic excellence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff of the Alabama Republican Party is hereby directed to give the widest possible dissemination of executed copies of this Resolution to the news media of Alabama, including all daily and weekly newspapers and all radio and television stations that broadcast news.

Chairwoman _____
Terry Lathan

Date _____

Secretary _____
Joshua Dodd

Date _____

Approved Aug 24, 2019

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