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Subject: Education; equal opportunity

PROPOSAL 7

Sec. 1. Section 68 of chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§68. [LAWS TO ENCOURAGE VIRTUE AND PREVENT VICE; *
[SCHOOLS;]* RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES; EDUCATION]

Laws for the encouragement of virtue and prevention of vice and immorality ought to be constantly kept in force, and duly executed * [; and a competent number of schools ought to be maintained in each town unless the general assembly permits other provisions for the convenient instruction of youth]*. All religious societies, or bodies of people that may be united or incorporated for the advancement of religion and learning, or for other pious and charitable purposes, shall be encouraged and protected in the enjoyment of the privileges, immunities, and estates, which they in justice ought to enjoy, under such regulations as the general assembly of this state shall direct.

The effective education of the population being essential to a democratic and prosperous society, the general assembly shall have a fundamental duty to ensure, in cooperation with local education authorities, that youth are equally provided an elementary and secondary public education regardless of their place of residence in the state.