**South Carolina General Assembly**

123rd Session, 2019-2020

**S. 246**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

Joint Resolution

Sponsors: Senators Fanning and McLeod

Document Path: l:\council\bills\agm\19449wab19.docx

Introduced in the Senate on January 8, 2019

Currently residing in the Senate Committee on **Judiciary**

Summary: Free Public Schools

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

12/12/2018 Senate Prefiled

12/12/2018 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

1/8/2019 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 148](file:///h:\sj\20190108.docx))

1/8/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 148](file:///h:\sj\20190108.docx))

View the latest [legislative information](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=246&session=123&summary=B) at the website

**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

[12/12/2018](file:///p:\pprever\2019-20\246_20181212.docx)

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR A HIGH‑QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN OF THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 3, Article XI of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

“Section 3. The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free public schools open to all children in the State so as to provide a high‑quality education allowing each student to reach his highest potential, and shall establish, organize and support such other public institutions of learning~~,~~ as may be desirable.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 3, Article XI of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding a provision that the General Assembly shall provide for a high‑quality education for all children of the State?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑