

**OPPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SUPPORTING
APPOINTED 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, the 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 subjugate 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