SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The Louisiana School Boards Association passed a resolution Saturday against the state-mandated teaching of creationism, but approved another motion endorsing voluntary school prayer.

The creationism resolution calls for a halt to efforts to implement the state's 1981 law requiring that public schools teach alongside evolution the theory that the world and man were created by a supernatural being.

Education Superintendent Kelly Nix has already declared he will take no steps to implement the law until the outcome of an American Civil Liberties Union challenge to its constitutionality. No trial date has been set in that case.

A similar ACLU lawsuit resulted last month in a federal judge striking down Arkansas' creationism law as a violation of constitutional separation of church and state. That action and Arkansas officials' decision not to appeal leaves Louisiana the only state having such a law.

By voice vote, the 846 delegates to the association's annual convention also approved a resolution asking the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider its ruling last month that struck down as unconstitutional the state's voluntary school prayer law.

The 1980 law allowed teachers or students to lead morning prayers if they desired, and permitted students not wanting to participate to leave the classroom during prayer.

Both resolutions were authored by John Stokes, president of the Calcasieu Parish School Board.

Stokes told the Lake Charles American Press the association's action indicated school officials were not opposed to voluntary religious observance, but didn't like the idea of the state mandating the quasi-religious doctrine of creationism.

The school officials' action followed a

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similar vote Friday by the Louisiana Academy of Science. The organization of college science faculty and graduate students passed a resolution also condemning the teaching of creationism, which they declared is not a science.

Stokes sought to include in the creationism resolution a clause urging textbook publishers to voluntarily include "multiple theories on the origin of life," but that language was voted out.

The resolution acknowledged "a groundswell development of frustration and resentment across America toward the singular and prestigious treatment of the subject of evolution in our textbooks."

"A serious challenge now looms on the horizon under the banner name of scientific creationism. This ... is causing serious disruptive influence in the ranks of educators..." Stokes said voluntary school prayer, on the other hand, enhances the learning process.

Stokes said he offered the creationism resolution because of "serious questions on the economic, legal and moral responsibilities of school systems in supporting creationism in public schools."