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FLORENCE, Ala. (UPI) —Dr. E. B. Norton, president of Florence State University, said Friday he has protested to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals a desegregation order for Alabama's state junior colleges.

Norton asked the court to reverse or modify the ruling of the U.S. District Court at Montgomery which included a prohibition against residents of Mobile and Washington Counties from enrolling in Faulkner Junior College at Bay Minette.

The order also required that 25 per cent or more of the faculty at each state junior college be members of the minority race at that institution. It also required teachers be compelled to sign an agreement to accept transfer to any other state junior college at the discretion of the employing board.

"Unless the order is reversed or modified, it will destroy much of the basic security on which bonds were purchased," Norton said. "It will cause the college at Bay Minette to default on its indebtedness obligations and will stop the most rapid and successful aspect of racial integration in the school," Norton said.



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