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H.J.R. No. 81

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the taking of  
2 property by eminent domain for the purpose of transferring the  
3 property to a private entity.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 17(b), Article I, Texas Constitution, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) In this section, "public use" does not include the  
8 taking of property under Subsection (a) of this section for  
9 transfer to a private entity [~~for the primary purpose of economic~~  
10 ~~development or enhancement of tax revenues~~].

11 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
12 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
13 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
14 proposition: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the taking  
15 of property by eminent domain for the purpose of transferring the  
16 property to a private entity."