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H.J.R. No. 138

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of
2 the Texas land and water conservation fund to assist in preserving
3 critical natural resources in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 49-d-17 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 49-d-17. (a) The Texas land and water conservation
8 fund is created as a special fund outside the state treasury.

9 (b) As provided by general law, money in the Texas land and
10 water conservation fund may be administered and used, without
11 further appropriation, by the Texas land and water conservation
12 board or that board's successor in function to provide funding for
13 conservation and restoration of and public access to land, water,
14 and natural resources.

15 (c) Separate accounts may be established in the Texas land
16 and water conservation fund as necessary to administer the fund or
17 authorized projects.

18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
22 creation of the Texas land and water conservation fund to assist in
23 the voluntary protection of Texas' water quality, wildlife habitat,
24 natural areas, and parks, while not increasing the rate of any

1 taxes." If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act
2 has no effect.