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H.J.R. No. 192

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the legislature to
2 increase the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program
3 and to adjust the allotment in a manner that reflects annual
4 inflation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 3A to read as follows:

8 Sec. 3A. THE BASIC ALLOTMENT. For the Fiscal Year of 2025,
9 a school district is entitled to a basic allotment equal to \$7,500
10 for each student in addition to any higher amount per student as
11 provided by the Legislature. For all subsequent state fiscal
12 years, the Legislature shall set the basic allotment under the
13 Foundation School Program at the amount that results from applying
14 the inflation rate, as determined by the comptroller on the basis of
15 changes in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers published
16 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of
17 Labor, to the allotment for the preceding school year, except that
18 the basic allotment may not be set at an amount that is less than the
19 amount of the basic allotment established by this provision. The
20 comptroller shall, not later than the 90th day of each fiscal year,
21 transfer to the Foundation School Fund 25 percent of any
22 unencumbered positive balance of general revenues on the last day
23 of the preceding fiscal year.

24 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

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1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment setting the amount of
4 the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program and
5 providing for its adjustment for annual inflation."