

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, H.J.R. No. 125 (Ashby/Huffman)

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Texas, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, That House Rule 13,  
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,  
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to  
5 resolve the differences on House Joint Resolution 125 (creating the  
6 broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband  
7 access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects) to  
8 consider and take action on the following matter:

9 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit the  
10 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house  
11 or senate version of the joint resolution in proposed SECTION 1 of  
12 the joint resolution, by adding Section 49-d-16(f), Article III,  
13 Texas Constitution, to read as follows:

14 (f) The comptroller may transfer money from the fund to  
15 another fund as provided by general law. The state agency that  
16 administers the fund to which the money is transferred as  
17 authorized by this subsection may use the money without further  
18 appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of  
19 broadband and telecommunications services as provided by general  
20 law.

21 Explanation: The added text would enable the comptroller of  
22 public accounts to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure  
23 fund to another fund, authorizing the state agency administering  
24 the fund to which the money is transferred to use it only for the

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2 telecommunications services.