

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.J.R. No. 75 (Perry/King of Uvalde)

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H.R. No. 2473

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 Senate Joint Resolution 75 (proposing a
6 constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in
7 financing water projects in this state) to consider and take action
8 on the following matters:

9 (1) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(1) and (3), are suspended
10 to permit the committee to change, alter, or amend text not in
11 disagreement and add text on a matter not in disagreement in
12 proposed SECTION 1 of the resolution, by including in added Section
13 49-d-16(a), Article III, Texas Constitution, text that reads as
14 follows:

15 The legislature may appropriate money for the purpose of depositing
16 the money to the fund to be available for transfer as provided by
17 Subsection (b) of this section.

18 Explanation: The change is necessary to clarify that money
19 may be appropriated to the Texas water fund.

20 (2) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(1) and (3), are suspended
21 to permit the committee to change, alter, or amend text not in
22 disagreement and add text on a matter not in disagreement in
23 proposed SECTION 1 of the resolution, by including in added Section
24 49-d-16(b), Article III, Texas Constitution, text that reads as

1 follows:

2 , including the transfer of money from the fund to or the
3 restoration of the money from:

- 4 (1) the Water Assistance Fund No. 480;
- 5 (2) the New Water Supply for Texas Fund;
- 6 (3) the Rural Water Assistance Fund No. 301; or
- 7 (4) the Statewide Water Public Awareness Account.

8 Explanation: The change is necessary to clarify that money
9 in the Texas water fund may be transferred to or restored from
10 certain other funds.

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

16 (e) Of the amount of money initially appropriated to the
17 Texas water fund, the administrator of the fund shall allocate not
18 less than 25 percent to be used only for transfer to the New Water
19 Supply for Texas Fund.

20 Explanation: The change is necessary to clarify the purposes
21 for which money in the Texas water fund may be used.

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

27 (h) Any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the

1 Texas water fund at the end of a state fiscal biennium is
2 appropriated to the administrator of that fund for the following
3 state fiscal biennium for the purposes authorized by this section.

4 Explanation: The change is necessary to clarify that
5 unexpended and unobligated money in the Texas water fund must
6 remain in that fund until transferred by the administrator of that
7 fund.