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S.J.R. No. 4

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment excepting certain
2 appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief
3 from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of
4 appropriations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 22, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) Appropriations from state tax revenues not dedicated
9 by this constitution that are made for the purpose of paying for
10 school district ad valorem tax relief as identified by the
11 legislature by general law are not included as appropriations for
12 purposes of determining whether the rate of growth of
13 appropriations exceeds the limitation prescribed by Subsection (a)
14 of this section.

15 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
16 the Texas Constitution:

17 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
18 to the amendment to Section 22, Article VIII, of this constitution
19 as proposed by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
20 excepting certain appropriations to pay for school district ad
21 valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate
22 of growth of appropriations.

23 (b) The change made to Section 22, Article VIII, of this
24 constitution by the amendment applies to appropriations made for

1 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, and
2 subsequent state fiscal bienniums.

3 (c) This temporary provision expires September 1, 2025.

4 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
5 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
6 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
7 proposition: "The constitutional amendment excepting certain
8 appropriations to pay for school district property tax relief from
9 the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of
10 appropriations."