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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of
3 the centennial parks conservation fund.

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-e-1 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 49-e-1. (a) The centennial parks conservation fund is
8 established as a trust fund outside the treasury. In accordance
9 with general law, the fund may be used only for the creation and
10 improvement of state parks.

11 (b) The centennial parks conservation fund consists of:

12 (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to
13 the fund by the legislature;

14 (2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Parks
15 and Wildlife Department or the department's successor in function
16 for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used under this
17 section; and

18 (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts
19 credited to the fund.

20 (c) The legislature may appropriate money from the
21 centennial parks conservation fund to the Parks and Wildlife
22 Department or the department's successor in function for the
23 purposes prescribed for the fund by this section and general law.

24 (d) For purposes of Section 22, Article VIII, of this

1 constitution:

2 (1) money in the centennial parks conservation fund is
3 dedicated by this constitution; and

4 (2) an appropriation of state tax revenues for the
5 purpose of depositing money to the credit of the fund is treated as
6 if it were an appropriation of revenues dedicated by this
7 constitution.

8 (e) The reasonable expenses of managing the fund and its
9 assets shall be paid from the fund.

10 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
12 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
13 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
14 creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for
15 the creation and improvement of state parks."