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S.J.R. No. 74

Substitute the following for S.J.R. No. 74:

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

4 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
5 adding Section 49-e-1 to read as follows:

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

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

11 (1) money appropriated to the fund;

12 (2) money transferred or deposited to the credit of
13 the fund by general law;

14 (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts
15 credited to the fund; and

16 (4) gifts, grants, and donations received for the
17 fund.

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

22 (d) For purposes of Section 22, Article VIII, of this
23 constitution:

24 (1) money in the centennial parks conservation fund is

1 dedicated by this constitution; and

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

6 (d-1) On January 1, 2024, the comptroller of public accounts
7 shall transfer \$1 billion of the unencumbered balance of the
8 general revenue fund that exists on that date to the centennial
9 parks conservation fund. This subsection expires December 31,
10 2024.

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