

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

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S.R. No. 708

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate
5 Joint Resolution 75 (proposing a constitutional amendment creating
6 the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this
7 state) to consider and take action on the following matters:

8 (1) Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (3) are suspended to permit
9 the committee to change, alter, or amend text not in disagreement
10 and add text on a matter not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 1
11 of the resolution, by including in added Section 49-d-16(a),
12 Article III, Texas Constitution, text that reads as follows:
13 The legislature may appropriate money for the purpose of depositing
14 the money to the fund to be available for transfer as provided by
15 Subsection (b) of this section.

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

18 (2) Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (3) are suspended to permit
19 the committee to change, alter, or amend text not in disagreement
20 and add text on a matter not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 1
21 of the resolution, by including in added Section 49-d-16(b),
22 Article III, Texas Constitution, text that reads as follows:
23 , including the transfer of money from the fund to or the
24 restoration of the money from:

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

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

8 (3) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the
9 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house
10 or senate version of the resolution in proposed SECTION 1 of the
11 resolution, by adding Section 49-d-16(e), Article III, Texas
12 Constitution, to read as follows:

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

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

19 (4) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the
20 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house
21 or senate version of the resolution in proposed SECTION 1 of the
22 resolution, by adding Section 49-d-16(h), Article III, Texas
23 Constitution, to read as follows:

24 (h) Any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the
25 Texas water fund at the end of a state fiscal biennium is
26 appropriated to the administrator of that fund for the following
27 state fiscal biennium for the purposes authorized by this section.

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