

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.J.R. No. 125 (Ashby/Huffman)

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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 House
5 Joint Resolution 125 (creating the broadband infrastructure fund to
6 expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of
7 connectivity projects) to consider and take action on the following
8 matter:

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

14 (f) The comptroller may transfer money from the fund to
15 another fund as provided by general law. The state agency that
16 administers the fund to which the money is transferred as
17 authorized by this subsection may use the money without further
18 appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of
19 broadband and telecommunications services as provided by general
20 law.

21 Explanation: The added text would enable the comptroller of
22 public accounts to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure
23 fund to another fund, authorizing the state agency administering
24 the fund to which the money is transferred to use it only for the

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1 expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and
2 telecommunications services.