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A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans'
- 2 Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in an aggregate
- 3 principal amount that is greater than amounts previously
- 4 authorized.
- 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 49-b(w), Article III, Texas
- 7 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 (w) The Veterans' Land Board may provide for, issue, and
- 9 sell general obligation bonds of the state for the purpose of
- 10 selling land to veterans of the state or providing home or land
- 11 mortgage loans to veterans of the state in a principal amount of
- 12 outstanding bonds that must at all times be equal to or less than \$6
- 13 <u>billion</u> [the aggregate principal amount of state general obligation
- 14 bonds previously authorized for those purposes by prior
- 15 constitutional amendments]. Bonds and other obligations issued or
- 16 executed under the authority of this subsection may not be included
- 17 in the computation required by Section 49-j of this article. The
- 18 bond proceeds shall be deposited in or used to benefit and augment
- 19 the Veterans' Land Fund, the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund, or
- 20 the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II, as determined appropriate
- 21 by the Veterans' Land Board, and shall be administered and invested
- 22 as provided by law. Payments of principal and interest on the
- 23 bonds, including payments made under a bond enhancement agreement
- 24 with respect to principal of or interest on the bonds, shall be made

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- 1 from the sources and in the manner provided by this section for
- 2 general obligation bonds issued for the benefit of the applicable
- 3 fund.
- 4 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 5 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
- 6 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 7 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
- 8 Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in an
- 9 aggregate principal amount that is greater than amounts previously
- 10 authorized."