

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.

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

SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 68 to read as follows:

Sec. 68. (a) The legislature shall establish the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to:

(1) award grants to institutions of learning, advanced medical research facilities, public or private persons, and collaboratives in this state to provide money for:

(A) research into the causes of, means of prevention of, and treatment and rehabilitation for dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders;

(B) research, including translational research, to develop therapies, protocols, medical pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of the symptoms of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders;

1 (C) facilities, equipment, and other costs
2 related to research on dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's
3 disease, and related disorders; and

4 (D) prevention programs and strategies to
5 mitigate the detrimental health impacts of dementia, Alzheimer's
6 disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders;

7 (2) support institutions of learning and advanced
8 medical research facilities and collaboratives in this state in all
9 stages of:

10 (A) discovering the causes of dementia,
11 Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders;

12 (B) developing therapies, protocols, medical
13 pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of
14 the symptoms of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease,
15 and related disorders from laboratory research to clinical trials;
16 and

17 (C) developing programs to address access to
18 advanced treatment for dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's
19 disease, and related disorders; and

20 (3) establish the appropriate standards and oversight
21 bodies to ensure the proper use of funding authorized under this
22 section, including facilities development.

23 (b) The members of the governing body and any other
24 decision-making body of the Dementia Prevention and Research
25 Institute of Texas may serve six-year terms.

26 (c) The Dementia Prevention and Research Fund is
27 established as a special fund in the state treasury outside the

general revenue fund to be administered by the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. The comptroller of public accounts shall credit to general revenue interest due to the fund.

(c-1) On January 1, 2026, the comptroller shall transfer \$3 billion from this state's general revenue fund to the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund. The transfer made under this subsection is not an appropriation of state tax revenues for the purposes of Section 22, Article VIII, of this constitution. This subsection expires January 1, 2029.

(d) The Dementia Prevention and Research Fund consists of:

(1) money transferred to the fund under this section;

(2) money the legislature appropriates, credits, or transfers to the fund; and

(3) gifts and grants, including grants from the federal government, and other donations received for the fund.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, as established by general law, may use money in the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund only for the purpose of funding:

(1) grants for research on dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders, research facilities, and research opportunities in this state:

(A) for the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders and the mitigation of the incidence of and detrimental health impacts from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders; and

1 (B) to develop therapies, protocols, medical
2 pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of
3 the symptoms of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease,
4 and related disorders;

5 (2) the purchase, construction, or renovation,
6 subject to the institute's approval, of facilities by or on behalf
7 of a state agency or grant recipient; and

8 (3) the institute's operation.

9 (f) Not including any unspent money appropriated to the
10 Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas carried forward
11 from the preceding state fiscal year, the legislature may
12 appropriate not more than \$300 million from the Dementia Prevention
13 and Research Fund to the institute for a state fiscal year.

14 (g) Before the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute
15 of Texas may award a grant authorized under this section, the grant
16 recipient must have available an unexpended amount of money equal
17 to one-half of the grant amount dedicated to the research specified
18 in the grant proposal.

19 (h) The reasonable expenses of managing the assets of the
20 Dementia Prevention and Research Fund shall be paid from the fund.

21 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
22 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
23 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
24 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
25 establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of
26 Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to
27 provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of

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1 dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related
2 disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion
3 from state general revenue."

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 3 was adopted by the Senate on March 5, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 12, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 3 was adopted by the House, with amendment, on April 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 21, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Received:

Date

Secretary of State