By: Duncan S.J.R. No. 8

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a business tax,
- 2 including on the income of individuals who benefit from personal
- 3 liability limitations, and dedicating the revenue from the tax to
- 4 fund public education.
- 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by 7 adding Section 25 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 25. (a) The legislature by general law may impose a
- 9 business tax on an entity doing business in this state for:
- 10 (1) the privilege of doing business in this state; and
- 11 (2) the benefit of limitations on the personal
- 12 liability of individuals who are owners, partners, shareholders,
- officers, or directors of the entity.
- 14 (b) All net revenue remaining after payment of all refunds
- 15 <u>allowed by law and expenses of collection</u> from the tax shall be used
- only for the support of public education.
- (c) Section 24 of this article does not apply to a tax
- 18 <u>imposed under this section.</u>
- 19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2004.
- 21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a business
- 23 tax, including on the income of individuals who benefit from
- 24 personal liability limitations, and dedicating the revenue from the

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