

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.J.R. 15
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

As proposed, S.J.R. 15 adds categories to the list of historical items for which the legislature may appropriate funds in the interest of preserving or perpetuating memorials of the history of Texas. It allows the legislature or a state agency to accept gifts, on behalf of the state, of items of historical value and contributions to purchase items of historical value.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 39, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to authorize the legislature to make appropriations for preserving and perpetuating memorials of the history of Texas by means of films, videotapes, audiotapes, computer files, or other electronic media. Authorizes the legislature or an agency of the state to accept, on behalf of the state, gifts of items of historical value as well as contributions to purchase such items.

SECTION 2. Requires that this constitutional amendment be put before the voters at an election on November 4, 2003. Requires the ballot to be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition. Sets forth the specific text to be used in the proposition.