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H.J.R. No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of  
2 general obligation bonds to provide loans for economic development  
3 projects that enhance the military value of military installations  
4 in the state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 49-n to read as follows:

8 Sec. 49-n. (a) The legislature by general law may authorize  
9 one or more state agencies to issue general obligation bonds of the  
10 State of Texas in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250 million.  
11 The proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be deposited in the  
12 Texas military preparedness revolving loan account in the state  
13 treasury or its successor account to be used by one or more state  
14 agencies designated by the legislature by general law without  
15 further appropriation to provide loans for economic development  
16 projects that benefit defense-related communities, as defined by  
17 the legislature by general law, including projects that enhance the  
18 military value of military installations located in the state.

19 (b) The expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of  
20 the bonds and the costs of administering the revolving loan account  
21 may be paid from money in the Texas military preparedness revolving  
22 loan account.

23 (c) A defense-related community receiving a loan from the  
24 Texas military preparedness revolving loan account may use money

1 from the account to capitalize interest on the loan.

2 (d) An agency providing a loan from the Texas military  
3 preparedness revolving loan account to a defense-related community  
4 may require the defense-related community to pay any pro rata cost  
5 of issuing the general obligation bonds.

6 (e) Bonds authorized under this section are a general  
7 obligation of the state. While any of the bonds or interest on the  
8 bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there is appropriated out of the  
9 first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year, not  
10 otherwise appropriated by this constitution, the amount sufficient  
11 to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds that mature or  
12 become due during the fiscal year, less any amounts in the interest  
13 and sinking accounts at the close of the preceding fiscal year that  
14 are pledged to payment of the bonds or interest.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
19 issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$250 million  
20 payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to  
21 defense-related communities for economic development projects,  
22 including projects that enhance the military value of military  
23 installations."