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H.J.R. No. 30

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of  
2 conservation and reclamation districts to promote, encourage, and  
3 maintain employment, commerce, economic development, and the  
4 public welfare in certain commercial areas and authorizing the  
5 legislature to exempt residential property from ad valorem taxation  
6 by those districts.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is  
9 amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

10 (g) In addition to creating or authorizing the creation of  
11 conservation and reclamation districts to accomplish the purposes  
12 of Subsection (a) of this section, the Legislature by special law  
13 may create, or by general law may authorize the creation of,  
14 conservation and reclamation districts under this section to  
15 accomplish the purposes of promoting, encouraging, and maintaining  
16 employment, commerce, economic development, and the public welfare  
17 in the predominantly commercial areas of municipalities and  
18 metropolitan regions of this state. The Legislature by special or  
19 general law may exempt residential property located within the  
20 territory of a conservation and reclamation district authorized by  
21 this subsection from taxation by the district.

22 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
23 the Texas Constitution:

24 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) Chapters 375 and 376, Local

1 Government Code, as those chapters existed on January 1, 2003, are  
2 validated.

3 (b) The creation of any district under Chapter 375, Local  
4 Government Code, before January 1, 2003, and of any district  
5 described by Chapter 376, Local Government Code, as that chapter  
6 existed on January 1, 2003, and all resolutions, orders, and other  
7 acts or attempted acts of the board of directors of each district  
8 are validated in all respects. The creation of any district and all  
9 resolutions, orders, and other acts or attempted acts of the board  
10 of directors of each district are valid as though they originally  
11 had been legally authorized or accomplished.

12 (c) This section expires January 1, 2005.

13 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
14 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
15 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
16 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
17 creation of conservation and reclamation districts to promote,  
18 encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, economic  
19 development, and the public welfare in the commercial areas of  
20 municipalities and metropolitan regions of this state and  
21 authorizing the legislature to exempt residential property from ad  
22 valorem taxation by districts created for those purposes."