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H.J.R. No. 49

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the provision of
2 parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and
3 reclamation districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 59(a), Article XVI, Texas Constitution,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The conservation and development of all of the natural
8 resources of this State, and development of parks and recreational
9 facilities, including the control, storing, preservation and
10 distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers
11 and streams, for irrigation, power and all other useful purposes,
12 the reclamation and irrigation of its arid, semiarid and other
13 lands needing irrigation, the reclamation and drainage of its
14 overflowed lands, and other lands needing drainage, the
15 conservation and development of its forests, water and
16 hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal
17 waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural
18 resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public
19 rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as
20 may be appropriate thereto.

21 SECTION 2. The legislature intends by the amendment
22 proposed by Section 1 of this resolution to expand the authority of
23 conservation and reclamation districts with respect to parks and
24 recreational facilities. The proposed amendment should not be

1 construed as a limitation on the powers of a district as those
2 powers exist immediately before the amendment takes effect.

3 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
4 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
5 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
6 proposition: "The constitutional amendment relating to the
7 provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain
8 conservation and reclamation districts."