

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to
2 donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit
3 of rural volunteer fire departments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 52i to read as follows:

7 Sec. 52i. (a) A municipality may donate surplus equipment,
8 supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to the Texas
9 Forest Service or to a successor agency authorized to cooperate in
10 the development of rural fire protection plans.

11 (b) The Texas Forest Service or the successor agency may,
12 based on need, redistribute to rural volunteer fire departments the
13 equipment, supplies, or materials donated under Subsection (a).

14 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
16 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing
18 municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or
19 supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 61 was passed by the House on April 9, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 61 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

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Date

Secretary of State