

1-1 By: McReynolds, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.J.R. No. 61
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2003;
1-3 April 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 7, 2003, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 7, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to
1-8 donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit
1-9 of rural volunteer fire departments.

1-10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-12 adding Section 52i to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 52i. (a) A municipality may donate surplus equipment,
1-14 supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to the Texas
1-15 Forest Service or to a successor agency authorized to cooperate in
1-16 the development of rural fire protection plans.

1-17 (b) The Texas Forest Service or the successor agency may,
1-18 based on need, redistribute to rural volunteer fire departments the
1-19 equipment, supplies, or materials donated under Subsection (a).

1-20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
1-22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing
1-24 municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or
1-25 supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

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