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H.J.R. No. 65

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the ad valorem  
2 taxation of certain property owned by a municipality.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 9, Article XI, Texas Constitution, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the  
7 ~~[The]~~ property of counties, cities and towns, owned and held only  
8 for public purposes, such as public buildings and the sites  
9 therefor, fire engines and the furniture thereof, and all property  
10 used, or intended for extinguishing fires, public grounds and all  
11 other property devoted exclusively to the use and benefit of the  
12 public shall be exempt from forced sale and from taxation,  
13 provided, nothing herein shall prevent the enforcement of the  
14 vendors lien, the mechanics or builders lien, or other liens now  
15 existing.

16 (b) The legislature by general law may authorize a political  
17 subdivision of this state to tax real property owned by a city or  
18 town if the real property is located outside the corporate limits of  
19 the city or town.

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the ad  
24 valorem taxation of real property that is owned by a city or town

1 and is located outside the corporate limits of the city or town."