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H.J.R. No. 71

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to provide
2 for equitable funding for each student under the public school
3 system.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1A. In meeting its duty under Section 1 of this article
8 to make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an
9 efficient system of public free schools, the Legislature shall
10 provide for a system that results in the availability of an
11 equitable amount of total state and local funding for maintenance,
12 operations, and facilities costs to provide an equal educational
13 opportunity for each student with comparable educational needs.

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 requiring the state to
18 provide for a public school system that results in equal
19 educational opportunity and equitable funding for each student with
20 comparable educational needs."