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H.J.R. No. 98

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the legislature to  
2 appropriate money for public schools, public colleges and  
3 universities, and health and human services before appropriating  
4 money for other purposes.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III of the Texas Constitution is amended  
7 by adding Section 49a-1 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 49a-1. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of  
9 this section, the legislature may not enact a bill containing an  
10 appropriation for a state fiscal biennium for a purpose other than  
11 public schools, public colleges and universities, and state health  
12 and human services until the comptroller, in the manner provided by  
13 law, certifies that the legislature has passed and sent to the  
14 comptroller for certification a comprehensive bill appropriating  
15 money for that state fiscal biennium for the state's spending on  
16 public schools, public colleges and universities, and state health  
17 and human services.

18 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to an  
19 appropriation that the governor has submitted as an emergency  
20 matter.

21 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
22 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
23 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
24 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the

1 legislature to appropriate money for public schools, public  
2 colleges and universities, and state health and human services  
3 before appropriating money for other purposes."