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S.J.R. No. 2

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a portion of the
2 annual distribution from the permanent university fund to be
3 appropriated to support certain institutions in The University of
4 Texas System.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 18(f), Article VII, Texas Constitution,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (f) Out of one-third of the annual distribution from the
9 permanent university fund to the available university fund, there
10 shall be appropriated an annual sum sufficient to pay the principal
11 and interest due on the bonds and notes issued by the Board of
12 Regents of The Texas A&M University System under this section and
13 prior law, and the remainder of that one-third of the annual
14 distribution to the available university fund shall be appropriated
15 to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, which
16 shall have the authority and duty in turn to appropriate an
17 equitable portion of the same for the support and maintenance of The
18 Texas A&M University System administration, Texas A&M University,
19 and Prairie View A&M University. The Board of Regents of The Texas
20 A&M University System, in making just and equitable appropriations
21 to Texas A&M University and Prairie View A&M University, shall
22 exercise its discretion with due regard to such criteria as the
23 board may deem appropriate from year to year. Out of the other
24 two-thirds of the annual distribution from the permanent university

1 fund to the available university fund there shall be appropriated
2 an annual sum sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on
3 the bonds and notes issued by the Board of Regents of The University
4 of Texas System under this section and prior law, and the remainder
5 of such two-thirds of the annual distribution to the available
6 university fund[7] shall be appropriated for the support and
7 maintenance of The University of Texas at Austin and The University
8 of Texas System administration, except that a portion of the
9 remainder, not to exceed 20 percent of such two-thirds of the annual
10 distribution from the permanent university fund to the available
11 university fund, may be appropriated for the support and
12 maintenance of The University of Texas at Arlington, The University
13 of Texas at Dallas, The University of Texas at El Paso, The
14 University of Texas of the Permian Basin, The University of Texas at
15 San Antonio, and The University of Texas at Tyler.

16 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
18 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a portion
20 of the annual distribution from the permanent university fund to be
21 appropriated to support The University of Texas at Arlington, The
22 University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Texas at El Paso,
23 The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, The University of
24 Texas at San Antonio, and The University of Texas at Tyler."