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S.J.R. No. 11

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote
2 of the membership of each house of the legislature to enact certain
3 tax bills.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 25 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 25. (a) The legislature may not impose a state tax,
8 increase the rate of a state tax, or extend the application of a
9 state tax to a new class of persons, property, transactions, or
10 other items unless approved by a vote of two-thirds of the
11 membership of each house.

12 (b) This section does not apply to the repeal or amendment
13 of an exemption or other exception expressly provided by statute on
14 September 1, 2003.

15 (c) This section does not apply to the imposition, increase,
16 or extension of a fee if the revenue from the fee is required to be
17 used for purposes related to the activity for which the fee is
18 imposed.

19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require a
23 two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature for the
24 imposition, increase, or extension of a state tax."