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S.J.R. No. 29

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the maximum tax  
2 rate that may be imposed on property in an emergency services  
3 district.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 48-e. Laws may be enacted to provide for the  
8 establishment and creation of special districts to provide  
9 emergency and fire prevention services and to authorize the  
10 commissioners courts of participating counties to levy a tax on the  
11 ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed 20  
12 [~~Ten~~] Cents [~~(10¢)~~] on the One Hundred Dollars [~~(\$100.00)~~]  
13 valuation for the support thereof; provided that no tax shall be  
14 levied in support of said districts until approved by a vote of the  
15 qualified voters residing therein, and no tax may be increased  
16 except as provided by general law. Such a district may provide  
17 emergency medical services, emergency ambulance services, rural  
18 fire prevention and control services, or other emergency services  
19 authorized by the Legislature.

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 increase the  
24 maximum tax rate that may be imposed on property in an emergency  
25 services district if approved by the voters of the district."