

1-1 By: Lindsay S.J.R. No. 30
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2003; February 27, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 April 7, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 1; April 7, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the provision of
1-8 parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and
1-9 reclamation districts.

1-10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
1-12 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) The conservation and development of all of the natural
1-14 resources of this State, and development of parks and recreational
1-15 facilities, including the control, storing, preservation and
1-16 distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers
1-17 and streams, for irrigation, power and all other useful purposes,
1-18 the reclamation and irrigation of its arid, semi-arid and other
1-19 lands needing irrigation, the reclamation and drainage of its
1-20 overflowed lands, and other lands needing drainage, the
1-21 conservation and development of its forests, water and
1-22 hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal
1-23 waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural
1-24 resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public
1-25 rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as
1-26 may be appropriate thereto.

1-27 SECTION 2. The legislature intends by the amendment
1-28 proposed by Section 1 of this resolution to expand the authority of
1-29 conservation and reclamation districts with respect to parks and
1-30 recreational facilities. The proposed amendment should not be
1-31 construed as a limitation on the powers of a district as those
1-32 powers exist immediately before the amendment takes effect.

1-33 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-34 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
1-35 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-36 proposition: "The constitutional amendment relating to the
1-37 provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain
1-38 conservation and reclamation districts."

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