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S.J.R. No. 32

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to establish a public school  
2 finance system based on state provision of teacher salaries and  
3 benefits and assistance for maintenance and construction of school  
4 facilities.

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

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

8 Sec. 1. A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to  
9 the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall  
10 be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish a ~~and make~~  
11 ~~suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient~~  
12 system of public free schools, provide for the cost of classroom  
13 teacher salaries and statewide teacher benefits, and provide  
14 assistance to certain school districts, as determined by the  
15 Legislature, for maintenance and construction of school  
16 facilities.

17 SECTION 2. Section 3(b), Article VII, Texas Constitution,  
18 is repealed.

19 SECTION 3. The 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 establish a public  
23 school finance system based on state provision of teacher salaries  
24 and benefits and assistance for maintenance and construction of

1 school facilities."