

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1  
2 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of  
3 general obligation bonds or notes to provide loans to  
4 defense-related communities for economic development projects,  
5 including projects that enhance military value of military  
6 installations.

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

8 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
9 adding Section 49-n to read as follows:

10 Sec. 49-n. (a) The legislature by general law may  
11 authorize one or more state agencies to issue general obligation  
12 bonds or notes of the State of Texas in an aggregate amount not to  
13 exceed \$250 million and enter into related credit agreements. The  
14 proceeds from the sale of the bonds and notes shall be deposited in  
15 the Texas military value revolving loan account in the state  
16 treasury or its successor account to be used by one or more state  
17 agencies designated by the legislature by general law without  
18 further appropriation to provide loans for economic development  
19 projects that benefit defense-related communities, as defined by  
20 the legislature by general law, including projects that enhance the  
21 military value of military installations located in the state.

22 (b) The expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of  
23 the bonds and notes and the costs of administering the Texas  
24 military value revolving loan account may be paid from money in the

1 account. Money in the Texas military value revolving loan account  
2 may be used to pay all or part of any payment owed under a credit  
3 agreement related to the bonds or notes.

4 (c) A defense-related community receiving a loan from the  
5 Texas military value revolving loan account may use money from the  
6 account to capitalize interest on the loan.

7 (d) An agency providing a loan from the Texas military value  
8 revolving loan account to a defense-related community may require  
9 the defense-related community to pay any pro rata cost of issuing  
10 the general obligation bonds and notes.

11 (e) Bonds and notes authorized under this section are a  
12 general obligation of the state. While any of the bonds or notes or  
13 interest on the bonds or notes is outstanding and unpaid, there is  
14 appropriated out of the first money coming into the treasury in each  
15 fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by this constitution, the  
16 amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds  
17 or notes that mature or become due during the fiscal year, including  
18 an amount sufficient to make payments under a related credit  
19 agreement, less any amounts in the interest and sinking accounts at  
20 the close of the preceding fiscal year that are pledged to payment  
21 of the bonds or notes or interest.

22 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the voters at an election to be held September 13,  
24 2003. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against  
25 the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
26 issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250  
27 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide

1 loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the  
2 defense-related community, for economic development projects,  
3 including projects that enhance the military value of military  
4 installations."

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 55 was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 15, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 55 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House