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S.J.R. No. 57

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the repurchase of
2 real property acquired by a governmental entity through eminent
3 domain.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 52-c to read as follows:

7 Sec. 52-c. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
8 constitution, a governmental entity may sell real property acquired
9 through eminent domain at the price the entity paid at the time of
10 acquisition if:

11 (1) the public use for which the property was
12 originally acquired no longer exists; and

13 (2) the sale is made to the person who owned the real
14 property interest immediately before the governmental entity
15 acquired the property interest, or to the heirs of that person if
16 the person is deceased.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
19 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental
21 entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to
22 the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the
23 property."