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S.J.R. No. 3

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of  
3 additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development  
4 Board.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 49-d-10 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 49-d-10. (a) The Texas Water Development Board may  
9 issue additional general obligation bonds, at its determination,  
10 for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, in  
11 an amount not to exceed \$2 billion. Of the additional general  
12 obligation bonds authorized to be issued, \$500 million of those  
13 bonds shall be used to provide for subsidized loans and grants for  
14 wholesale and retail water and wastewater facilities to  
15 economically distressed areas of the state, as defined by law, to be  
16 provided on such terms as may be determined by the Texas Water  
17 Development Board, and shall be deposited to the credit of the  
18 account established in the Texas Water Development Fund II under  
19 Section 49-d-8 of this article for the purpose of administering  
20 proceedings related to the purposes described by Section 49-d-7(b)  
21 of this article.

22 (b) Section 49-d-8 of this article applies to the bonds  
23 authorized by this section. The limitation in Section 49-d-8 of  
24 this article that the Texas Water Development Board may not issue

1 bonds in excess of the aggregate principal amount of previously  
2 authorized bonds does not apply to the bonds authorized by and  
3 issued under this section.

4 (c) A limitation on the percentage of state participation in  
5 any single project imposed by this article does not apply to a  
6 project funded with the proceeds of bonds issued under the  
7 authority of this section.

8 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
9 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.  
10 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
11 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the  
12 issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water  
13 Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."