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S.J.R. No. 3

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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 49-d-10 to read as follows:

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

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

1 authorized bonds does not apply to the bonds authorized by and  
2 issued under this section.

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

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