

By: West, Royce

S.J.R. No. 9

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to permit a district created to provide local funding to support  
3 public institutions of higher education to impose an ad valorem tax  
4 if approved by the voters of the district.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 20 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 20. The legislature by general law may authorize a  
9 district whose purpose is to provide local funding to support  
10 educational programs, including student financial aid programs, at  
11 public institutions of higher education to impose an ad valorem tax  
12 on property located within the district if approved by a majority of  
13 the voters in the district at an election held for that purpose.  
14 Revenue from the tax may be used only for costs of administering the  
15 district and for providing funding for those educational programs.

16 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.  
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the  
20 legislature to permit a district created to provide local funding  
21 to support educational programs at public institutions of higher  
22 education to impose an ad valorem tax to support those educational  
23 programs if the tax is approved by the voters of the district."