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S.J.R. No. 18

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment extending the period of  
2 maturity for bonds and notes issued by certain higher education  
3 entities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 17(e), Article VII, Texas Constitution,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (e) Each governing board authorized to participate in the  
8 distribution of money under this section is authorized to expend  
9 all money distributed to it for any of the purposes enumerated in  
10 Subsection (a). In addition, such governing board may issue bonds  
11 and notes for the purposes of refunding bonds or notes issued under  
12 this section or prior law, acquiring land either with or without  
13 permanent improvements, constructing and equipping buildings or  
14 other permanent improvements, acquiring capital equipment, library  
15 books, and library materials, paying for acquiring, constructing,  
16 or equipping or for major repair or rehabilitation of buildings,  
17 facilities, other permanent improvements, or capital equipment  
18 used jointly for educational and general activities and for  
19 auxiliary enterprises to the extent of their use for educational  
20 and general activities, and for major repair and rehabilitation of  
21 buildings or other permanent improvements, and may pledge up to 50  
22 percent of the money allocated to such governing board pursuant to  
23 this section to secure the payment of the principal and interest of  
24 such bonds or notes. Proceeds from the issuance of bonds or notes

1 under this subsection shall be maintained in a local depository  
2 selected by the governing board issuing the bonds or notes. The  
3 bonds and notes issued under this subsection shall be payable  
4 solely out of the money appropriated by this section and shall  
5 mature serially or otherwise in not more than 30 [~~10~~] years from  
6 their respective dates. All bonds issued under this section shall  
7 be sold only through competitive bidding and are subject to  
8 approval by the attorney general. Bonds approved by the attorney  
9 general shall be incontestable. The permanent university fund may  
10 be invested in the bonds and notes issued under this section.

11 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
12 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.  
13 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
14 proposition: "The constitutional amendment extending the period of  
15 maturity for bonds and notes issued by certain higher education  
16 entities."