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S.J.R. No. 38

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for use of a portion
2 of the money in the Texas Mobility Fund for mass transit projects.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 49-k(a), Article III, Texas
5 Constitution, is amended by adding Subdivision (4-a) to read as
6 follows:

7 (4-a) "Mass transit" means the transportation of
8 passengers and hand-carried packages or baggage of a passenger by
9 bus, light rail, or commuter rail.

10 SECTION 2. Section 49-k, Article III, Texas Constitution,
11 is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

12 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c) of this
13 section, at least 20 percent of the money dedicated to the fund
14 under Subsection (e) of this section must be used to make grants to
15 municipalities to finance mass transit projects. To be eligible to
16 receive a grant under this subsection, a municipality must dedicate
17 to those projects an amount of its own money equal to the amount of
18 the grant. Money from the grant and matching money provided by the
19 municipality may be used to finance mass transit projects of the
20 municipality or of other governmental entities providing mass
21 transit services within the boundaries of the municipality,
22 regardless of whether the projects of the other governmental entity
23 are within those boundaries. The legislature shall establish the
24 procedures and may establish additional eligibility requirements

1 for grants under this subsection.

2 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
3 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
4 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
5 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for use of a
6 portion of the money in the Texas Mobility Fund for mass transit
7 projects."