

1-1 By: Nelson S.J.R. No. 43
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 43 By: Nelson

1-8 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-9 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the
1-10 establishment of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of
1-11 Texas and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for
1-12 the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

1-13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-15 adding Section 67 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 67. (a) The legislature shall establish the Cancer
1-17 Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to:

1-18 (1) make grants to provide funds to public or private
1-19 persons to implement the Texas Cancer Plan, and to institutions of
1-20 learning and to advanced medical research facilities and
1-21 collaborations in this state for:

1-22 (A) research into the causes of and cures for all
1-23 forms of cancer in humans;

1-24 (B) facilities for use in research into the
1-25 causes of and cures for cancer; and

1-26 (C) research, including translational research,
1-27 to develop therapies, protocols, medical pharmaceuticals, or
1-28 procedures for the cure or substantial mitigation of all types of
1-29 cancer in humans;

1-30 (2) support institutions of learning and advanced
1-31 medical research facilities and collaborations in this state in all
1-32 stages in the process of finding the causes of all types of cancer
1-33 in humans and developing cures, from laboratory research to
1-34 clinical trials and including programs to address the problem of
1-35 access to advanced cancer treatment; and

1-36 (3) establish the appropriate standards and oversight
1-37 bodies to ensure the proper use of funds authorized under this
1-38 provision for cancer research and facilities development.

1-39 (b) The members of the governing body and any other
1-40 decision-making body of the Cancer Prevention and Research
1-41 Institute of Texas may serve four-year terms.

1-42 (c) The legislature by general law may authorize the Texas
1-43 Public Finance Authority to provide for, issue, and sell general
1-44 obligation bonds of the State of Texas on behalf of the Cancer
1-45 Prevention and Research Institute of Texas in an amount not to
1-46 exceed \$3 billion and to enter into related credit agreements. The
1-47 bonds shall be executed in the form, on the terms, and in the
1-48 denominations, bear interest, and be issued in installments as
1-49 prescribed by the Texas Public Finance Authority.

1-50 (d) Proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be deposited
1-51 in separate funds or accounts, as provided by general law, within
1-52 the state treasury to be used by the Cancer Prevention and Research
1-53 Institute of Texas for the purposes of this section without
1-54 appropriation.

1-55 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
1-56 constitution, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of
1-57 Texas, which is established in state government, may use the
1-58 proceeds from bonds issued under Subsection (c) of this section and
1-59 federal or private grants and gifts to pay for:

1-60 (1) grants for cancer research, for research
1-61 facilities, and for research opportunities in this state to develop
1-62 therapies, protocols, medical pharmaceuticals, or procedures for
1-63 the cure or substantial mitigation of all types of cancer in humans;

