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S.J.R. No. 62

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment to require that funds
3 collected from retail electric customers for the system benefit
4 fund be dedicated for expenditure to provide for bill payment
5 assistance, customer education, and low-income home energy
6 conservation.

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

8 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
9 adding Section 73 to read as follows:

10 Section 73. The Legislature shall remit all funds collected
11 from retail electric customers into a dedicated account to fund
12 programs to benefit residential electric customers. All funds
13 received into the account shall be appropriated on a biennium basis
14 to support programs authorized by the Legislature that provide for
15 bill payment assistance, energy conservation and weatherization
16 assistance, and customer education.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require that the
21 fees collected from residential electric customers for bill payment
22 assistance, weatherization and energy conservation, and customer
23 education shall be used for those purposes and not for general
24 appropriation or taxation."