

1-1 By: Carona S.J.R. No. 64
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2007; March 22, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland
1-4 Security; April 19, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 19, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of
1-8 general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission to
1-9 provide funding for highway improvement projects.

1-10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-12 adding Section 49-p to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 49-p. (a) To provide funding for highway improvement
1-14 projects, the legislature by general law may authorize the Texas
1-15 Transportation Commission or its successor to issue general
1-16 obligation bonds of the State of Texas in an aggregate amount not to
1-17 exceed \$5 billion and enter into related credit agreements. The
1-18 bonds shall be executed in the form, on the terms, and in the
1-19 denominations, bear interest, and be issued in installments as
1-20 prescribed by the Texas Transportation Commission or its successor.

1-21 (b) A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds and
1-22 a portion of the interest earned on the bonds may be used to pay:

1-23 (1) the costs of administering projects authorized
1-24 under this section;

1-25 (2) the cost or expense of the issuance of the bonds;
1-26 and

1-27 (3) all or part of a payment owed or to be owed under a
1-28 credit agreement.

1-29 (c) The bonds authorized under this section constitute a
1-30 general obligation of the state. While any of the bonds or interest
1-31 on the bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there is appropriated out of
1-32 the first money coming into the treasury each fiscal year, not
1-33 otherwise appropriated by this constitution, an amount sufficient
1-34 to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds that mature or
1-35 become due during the fiscal year, including an amount sufficient
1-36 to make payments under a related credit agreement.

1-37 (d) Bonds issued under this section, after approval by the
1-38 attorney general, registration by the comptroller of public
1-39 accounts, and delivery to the purchasers, are incontestable and are
1-40 general obligations of the State of Texas under this constitution.

1-41 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-42 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
1-43 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-44 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
1-45 issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation
1-46 Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding
1-47 for highway improvement projects."

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