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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the state or a
2 political subdivision of the state from taking private property for
3 the primary purpose of economic development or to benefit a
4 particular private party.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 17A to read as follows:

8 Sec. 17A. The state or a political subdivision of the state
9 may not take private property through the use of the power of
10 eminent domain if the primary purpose of the taking is for economic
11 development or to benefit a particular private party.

12 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
13 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.
14 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
15 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the state
16 or a political subdivision of the state from taking private
17 property for the primary purpose of economic development or to
18 benefit a particular private party."