

By: Vaught

H.J.R. No. 35

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 35:

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C.S.H.J.R. No. 35

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the Dallas County  
2 Hospital District to expand its boundaries.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 4, Article IX, Texas Constitution, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 4. (a) The Legislature may by law authorize the  
7 creation of county-wide Hospital Districts in counties having a  
8 population in excess of 190,000 and in Galveston County, with power  
9 to issue bonds for the purchase, acquisition, construction,  
10 maintenance and operation of any county owned hospital, or where  
11 the hospital system is jointly operated by a county and city within  
12 the county, and to provide for the transfer to the county-wide  
13 Hospital District of the title to any land, buildings or equipment,  
14 jointly or separately owned, and for the assumption by the district  
15 of any outstanding bonded indebtedness theretofore issued by any  
16 county or city for the establishment of hospitals or hospital  
17 facilities; to levy a tax not to exceed seventy-five (\$.75) cents on  
18 the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of all taxable property  
19 within such district, provided, however, that such district shall  
20 be approved at an election held for that purpose, and that only  
21 qualified voters in such county shall vote therein; provided  
22 further, that such Hospital District shall assume full  
23 responsibility for providing medical and hospital care to needy  
24 inhabitants of the county, and thereafter such county and cities

1 therein shall not levy any other tax for hospital purposes; and  
2 provided further that should such Hospital District construct,  
3 maintain and support a hospital or hospital system, that the same  
4 shall never become a charge against the State of Texas, nor shall  
5 any direct appropriation ever be made by the Legislature for the  
6 construction, maintenance or improvement of the said hospital or  
7 hospitals.

8 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the  
9 boundaries of the Dallas County Hospital District may be expanded  
10 to include territory outside Dallas County if a majority of the  
11 qualified voters of the district and a majority of the qualified  
12 voters of the territory to be included in the district approve the  
13 expansion at separate elections called and held for that purpose.

14 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
16 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow the Dallas  
18 County Hospital District to expand its boundaries."