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H.J.R. No. 117

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the use of money
2 from the economic stabilization fund for response to a natural
3 disaster.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-g, Article III, Texas Constitution,
6 is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

7 (p) Without the necessity of an appropriation, the governor
8 may spend money from the economic stabilization fund as provided by
9 this subsection when the governor determines it is necessary to pay
10 the costs of responding to a natural disaster. The governor may not
11 exercise the authority provided by this subsection more than once
12 during a state fiscal biennium. In a state fiscal biennium, the
13 governor may spend under the authority of this subsection not more
14 than \$100 million for purposes of temporary and emergency housing,
15 with the money spent under an effort administered jointly by the
16 governor, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs or
17 its successor in function, and the governor's division of emergency
18 management or its successor in function. In a state fiscal
19 biennium, the governor may spend under this subsection not more
20 than an additional \$150 million for the purposes for which a
21 disaster contingency fund created by statute may be spent, with the
22 money spent under an effort administered jointly by the governor
23 and the governor's division of emergency management or its
24 successor in function.

1 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.
3 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
4 proposition: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of
5 money from the economic stabilization fund for response to a
6 natural disaster."