

1-1 By: Lucio S.J.R. No. 43
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 28, 2009,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-5 April 28, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the imposition of
1-8 an additional ad valorem tax for emergency services districts,
1-9 subject to voter approval, at a rate not to exceed five cents for
1-10 the acquisition of land, equipment, or apparatus or the
1-11 construction of capital improvements.

1-12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution,
1-14 is amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 48-e. Laws may be enacted to provide for the
1-16 establishment and creation of special districts to provide
1-17 emergency services and to authorize the commissioners courts of
1-18 participating counties to impose [~~levy~~] a tax on the ad valorem
1-19 property situated in said districts not to exceed 10 cents [~~Ten~~
1-20 ~~Cents (10¢)~~] on the \$100 [~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~] valuation
1-21 for the operating and capital support thereof and five cents on the
1-22 \$100 valuation for the acquisition of land, equipment, or apparatus
1-23 or the construction of capital improvements; provided that no tax
1-24 shall be imposed [~~levied~~] in support of said districts until
1-25 approved by a vote of the qualified voters residing therein. Such a
1-26 district may provide emergency medical services, emergency
1-27 ambulance services, rural fire prevention and control services, or
1-28 other emergency services authorized by the Legislature.

1-29 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-30 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.
1-31 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-32 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the
1-33 imposition of an additional ad valorem tax for an emergency
1-34 services district, subject to voter approval, at a rate not to
1-35 exceed five cents for the acquisition of land, equipment, or
1-36 apparatus or the construction of capital improvements."

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