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S.J.R. No. 53

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to entitle The University of
2 Texas at Brownsville to participate in the income and other
3 benefits of the permanent university fund.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 18, Article VII, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System
9 may issue bonds and notes not to exceed a total amount of 20 percent
10 of the cost value of investments and other assets of the permanent
11 university fund (exclusive of real estate) at the time of issuance
12 thereof, and may pledge all or any part of its two-thirds interest
13 in the available university fund to secure the payment of the
14 principal and interest of those bonds and notes, for the purpose of
15 acquiring land either with or without permanent improvements,
16 constructing and equipping buildings or other permanent
17 improvements, major repair and rehabilitation of buildings and
18 other permanent improvements, acquiring capital equipment and
19 library books and library materials, and refunding bonds or notes
20 issued under this section or prior law, at or for The University of
21 Texas System administration and the following component
22 institutions of the system:

23 (1) The University of Texas at Arlington;

24 (2) The University of Texas at Austin;

- 1 (3) The University of Texas at Brownsville;
2 (4) The University of Texas at Dallas;
3 (5) [~~4~~] The University of Texas at El Paso;
4 (6) [~~5~~] The University of Texas of the Permian
5 Basin;
6 (7) [~~6~~] The University of Texas at San Antonio;
7 (8) [~~7~~] The University of Texas at Tyler;
8 (9) [~~8~~] The University of Texas Southwestern
9 Medical [~~Health Science~~] Center at Dallas;
10 (10) [~~9~~] The University of Texas Medical Branch at
11 Galveston;
12 (11) [~~10~~] The University of Texas Health Science
13 Center at Houston;
14 (12) [~~11~~] The University of Texas Health Science
15 Center at San Antonio;
16 (13) [~~12~~] The University of Texas M. D. Anderson
17 [~~System~~] Cancer Center;
18 (14) [~~13~~] The University of Texas Health Center at
19 Tyler; and
20 (15) [~~14~~] The University of Texas Institute of Texan
21 Cultures at San Antonio.

22 (b-1) In applying a portion of its two-thirds interest in
23 the available university fund to the payment of the principal of and
24 interest on bonds and notes issued under Subsection (b) of this
25 section for the benefit of The University of Texas at Brownsville,
26 the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System shall include
27 sufficient funds to pay the principal of and interest on all bonds

1 and notes, including refunding bonds and notes, previously issued
2 for the benefit of that university under Section 17(b) of this
3 article.

4 SECTION 2. Section 17(b), Article VII, Texas Constitution,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (b) The funds appropriated under Subsection (a) of this
7 section shall be for the use of the following eligible agencies and
8 institutions of higher education (even though their names may be
9 changed):

10 (1) East Texas State University including East Texas
11 State University at Texarkana;

12 (2) Lamar University including Lamar University at
13 Orange and Lamar University at Port Arthur;

14 (3) Midwestern State University;

15 (4) University of North Texas;

16 (5) The University of Texas--Pan American [~~including~~
17 ~~The University of Texas at Brownsville~~];

18 (6) Stephen F. Austin State University;

19 (7) Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine;

20 (8) Texas State University System Administration and
21 the following component institutions:

22 (9) Sam Houston State University;

23 (10) Southwest Texas State University;

24 (11) Sul Ross State University including Uvalde Study
25 Center;

26 (12) Texas Southern University;

27 (13) Texas Tech University;

- 1 (14) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center;
- 2 (15) Angelo State University;
- 3 (16) Texas Woman's University;
- 4 (17) University of Houston System Administration and
- 5 the following component institutions:
- 6 (18) University of Houston;
- 7 (19) University of Houston--Victoria;
- 8 (20) University of Houston--Clear Lake;
- 9 (21) University of Houston--Downtown;
- 10 (22) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi;
- 11 (23) Texas A&M International University;
- 12 (24) Texas A&M University--Kingsville;
- 13 (25) West Texas A&M University; and
- 14 (26) Texas State Technical College System and its
- 15 campuses, but not its extension centers or programs.

16 SECTION 3. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by

17 adding Section 17A to read as follows:

18 Sec. 17A. (a) The transfer of The University of Texas at

19 Brownsville from Section 17 of this article to Section 18 of this

20 article by the constitutional amendment proposed by the 81st

21 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, applies beginning with the

22 state fiscal year that begins September 1, 2010.

23 (b) Beginning with the state fiscal year that begins

24 September 1, 2010, the funds allocated as provided by Section 17(d)

25 of this article to The University of Texas at Brownsville shall be

26 allocated to the other agencies and institutions eligible to

27 receive funds under Section 17 of this article in proportion to the

1 other funds allocated to those agencies and institutions as
2 provided by Section 17(d) of this article, until the legislature or
3 designated agency eliminates The University of Texas at Brownsville
4 from the formula and allocations made under Section 17(d) of this
5 article.

6 (c) This section expires September 1, 2017.

7 SECTION 4. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
8 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.
9 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
10 following proposition: "The constitutional amendment to entitle
11 The University of Texas at Brownsville to participate in the income
12 and other benefits of the permanent university fund."