

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: Flores, Leibowitz, Guillen, Martinez

H.J.R. No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the
2 United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal
3 agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley
4 region of the state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 73 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 73. (a) The Texas Veterans Commission and the
9 Department of State Health Services shall work with the United
10 States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate
11 federal agency to propose that the federal government establish a
12 veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.

13 (b) The state may contribute money, property, and other
14 resources to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a
15 veterans hospital described by this section.

16 SECTION 2. The constitutional amendment proposed by this
17 resolution shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be
18 held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting
19 for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to
20 require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans
21 Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital
22 in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state."

ADOPTED

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

MAY 25 2009

Leroy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

BY:

J. J. Hung

1 Amend H.J.R. No. 7 (senate committee printing) by striking

2 all below the resolving clause and substituting the following:

3 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
4 adding Section 73 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 73. The state may contribute money, property, and
6 other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and
7 operation of veterans hospitals in this state.

8 SECTION 2. The constitutional amendment proposed by this
9 resolution shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be
10 held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit
11 voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional
12 amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property,
13 and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and
14 operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2009

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR7 by Flores (Proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$90,882.

The resolution would propose amending Article XVI of the Texas Constitution by adding Section 73 that would allow the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state. The amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 403 Veterans Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

LBB Staff: JOB, KK, JM

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FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2009

TO: Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR7 by Flores (Proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$90,882.

The resolution would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the Texas Veterans Commission and the Department of State Health Services to work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate federal agency to establish a veteran's hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state. It is assumed that any additional costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing state resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 403 Veterans Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 21, 2009

TO: Honorable Frank Corte Jr., Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR7 by Flores (Proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$90,882.

The resolution would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the Texas Veterans Commission and the Department of State Health Services to work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate federal agency to establish a veteran's hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state. It is assumed that any additional costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing state resources.

Local Government Impact

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