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H.J.R. No. 92

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 92:

By: King of Zavala

C.S.H.J.R. No. 92

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the provision of  
2 parks and recreational facilities by conservation and reclamation  
3 districts in El Paso County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 59(c-1), Article XVI, Texas  
6 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

7 (c-1) In addition and only as provided by this subsection,  
8 the Legislature may authorize conservation and reclamation  
9 districts to develop and finance with taxes those types and  
10 categories of parks and recreational facilities that were not  
11 authorized by this section to be developed and financed with taxes  
12 before September 13, 2003. For development of such parks and  
13 recreational facilities, the Legislature may authorize  
14 indebtedness payable from taxes as may be necessary to provide for  
15 improvements and maintenance only for a conservation and  
16 reclamation district all or part of which is located in Bexar  
17 County, Bastrop County, Waller County, Travis County, Williamson  
18 County, Harris County, Galveston County, Brazoria County, Fort Bend  
19 County, ~~or~~ Montgomery County, or El Paso County, or for the  
20 Tarrant Regional Water District, a water control and improvement  
21 district located in whole or in part in Tarrant County. All the  
22 indebtedness may be evidenced by bonds of the conservation and  
23 reclamation district, to be issued under regulations as may be  
24 prescribed by law. The Legislature may also authorize the levy and

1 collection within such district of all taxes, equitably  
2 distributed, as may be necessary for the payment of the interest and  
3 the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds and for  
4 maintenance of and improvements to such parks and recreational  
5 facilities. The indebtedness shall be a lien on the property  
6 assessed for the payment of the bonds. The Legislature may not  
7 authorize the issuance of bonds or provide for indebtedness under  
8 this subsection against a conservation and reclamation district  
9 unless a proposition is first submitted to the qualified voters of  
10 the district and the proposition is adopted. This subsection  
11 expands the authority of the Legislature with respect to certain  
12 conservation and reclamation districts and is not a limitation on  
13 the authority of the Legislature with respect to conservation and  
14 reclamation districts and parks and recreational facilities  
15 pursuant to this section as that authority existed before September  
16 13, 2003.

17 SECTION 2. The legislature intends by the amendment  
18 proposed by Section 1 of this resolution to expand the authority of  
19 the legislature with regard to conservation and reclamation  
20 districts in El Paso County. The proposed amendment should not be  
21 construed as a limitation on the powers of the legislature or of a  
22 district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those  
23 powers exist immediately before the amendment takes effect.

24 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
25 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.  
26 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
27 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the

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1 legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El  
2 Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the  
3 development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."