By: Martinez H.J.R. No. 125

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
- 2 to permit commuter rail districts to impose a property tax on
- 3 property located in the district to pay debt issued or assumed by
- 4 the district and to pay the maintenance and operating expenses of
- 5 the district.
- 6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
- 8 adding Section 48-g to read as follows:
- 9 <u>Sec. 48-g. The legislature by general law may authorize</u>
- 10 each commuter rail district to impose a property tax on property
- 11 <u>located in the district to pay debt issued or</u> assumed by the
- 12 district and to pay the maintenance and operating expenses of the
- 13 <u>district</u>. The tax may not be imposed until approved by the voters
- 14 of the district voting at an election held for that purpose.
- 15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.
- 17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
- 19 legislature to permit commuter rail districts to impose a property
- 20 tax on property located in the district to pay debt issued or
- 21 assumed by the district and to pay the maintenance and operating
- 22 expenses of the district."