

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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."

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 28 was adopted by the Senate on March 31, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 28 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 13, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House