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S.J.R. No. 1

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on  
3 the rate of growth of appropriations of revenue.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22. (a) In no state fiscal biennium shall the rate of  
8 growth of appropriations from all sources of revenue other than the  
9 federal government [~~state tax revenues not dedicated by this~~  
10 ~~constitution~~] exceed a rate equal to the sum of the estimated rates  
11 [~~rate of growth~~] of:

12 (1) change of the state's population during the state  
13 fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are made; and

14 (2) monetary inflation or deflation in this state  
15 during the state fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are  
16 made [~~economy~~].

17 (b) If the sum of the estimated rate of change of the state's  
18 population and the estimated rate of monetary inflation or  
19 deflation in this state is a negative number, the appropriations  
20 from all sources of revenue other than the federal government for  
21 the biennium may not exceed the amount determined by subtracting  
22 from the estimated amount of appropriations from all sources of  
23 revenue other than the federal government for the preceding state  
24 fiscal biennium the product of the additive inverse of that

1 negative number and the estimated amount of appropriations from all  
2 sources of revenue other than the federal government for that  
3 preceding biennium.

4 (c) The legislature shall provide by general law procedures  
5 to implement Subsections (a) and (b) of this section [~~subsection~~].

6 (d) [~~(b)~~] If the legislature by adoption of a resolution  
7 approved by a record vote of a majority of the members of each house  
8 finds that an emergency exists and identifies the nature of the  
9 emergency, the legislature may provide for appropriations in excess  
10 of the maximum amount authorized by [~~Subsection (a) of~~] this  
11 section. The excess authorized under this subsection may not  
12 exceed the amount specified in the resolution.

13 (e) [~~(e)~~] In no case shall appropriations exceed revenues  
14 as provided in Article III, Section 49a, of this constitution.  
15 Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, or  
16 repeal Article III, Section 49a, of this constitution.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2014.  
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the  
21 limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations of revenue."