

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.J.R. 10
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the constitution limits the rate of growth of appropriations from state tax revenues not dedicated by the constitution to exceed the estimated rate of growth of the state's economy. The enabling statute interprets this language to be the growth of the state's personal income as adopted by the Legislative Budget Board.

C.S.S.J.R. 10 proposes a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations of revenue.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 22, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, as follows:

Sec. 22. (a) Prohibits the rate of growth of appropriations from all sources of revenue other than the federal government in any state fiscal biennium from exceeding a rate equal to the sum of the estimated rates of change of the state's population during the state fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are made and monetary inflation or deflation in this state during the state fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are made, rather than prohibiting the rate of growth of appropriations from state tax revenues not dedicated by this constitution from exceeding the estimated rate of growth of the state's economy.

(b) Prohibits the appropriations from all sources of revenue other than the federal government for the biennium, if the sum of the estimated rate of change of the state's population and the estimated rate of monetary inflation or deflation in this state is a negative number, from exceeding the amount determined by subtracting from the estimated amount of appropriations from all sources of revenue other than the federal government for the preceding state fiscal biennium the product of the additive inverse of that negative number and the estimated amount of appropriations from all sources of revenue other than the federal government for that preceding biennium.

(c) Creates this subsection from existing text. Requires the legislature to provide by general law procedures to implement Subsections (a) and (b) of this section, rather than to implement this subsection.

(d) Redesignates existing Subsection (b) as Subsection (d). Authorizes the legislature to provide for appropriations in excess of the maximum amount authorized by this section, rather than the amount authorized by Subsection (a) of this section, if the legislature by adoption of a resolution approved by a record vote of a majority of the members of each house finds that an emergency exists and identifies the nature of the emergency.

(e) Redesignates existing Subsection (c) as Subsection (e) and makes no further change to this subsection.

SECTION 2. Requires that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2014. Sets forth the required language of the ballot.