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H.J.R. No. 142

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature
2 to exempt from ad valorem taxation real and personal property used
3 for the conservation, reuse, or recycling of water.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution is amended by
6 adding Section 52-c to read as follows:

7 Sec. 52-c. PROGRAMS FOR WATER CONSERVATION.
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the
9 legislature may provide for the creation of programs and the making
10 of loans and grants of public money, other than money otherwise
11 dedicated by this constitution to use for a different purpose, for
12 the public purpose of water conservation. In carrying out the
13 public purposes of this section, the legislature may by general law
14 exempt from ad valorem or other taxes all or part of real and
15 personal property used for or services related to water
16 conservation.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the
21 legislature to provide for the creation of programs for the public
22 purpose of water conservation, including the making of loans and
23 grants of public money and the exemption from taxation property
24 used for and services related to water conservation."