

1-1 By: Williams, Birdwell, Hancock S.J.R. No. 55
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 18, 2013, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 9, 2013,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 3; April 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	Williams	X		
1-9	Hinojosa	X		
1-10	Deuell		X	
1-11	Duncan	X		
1-12	Eltife	X		
1-13	Estes	X		
1-14	Hegar	X		
1-15	Huffman	X		
1-16	Lucio		X	
1-17	Nelson	X		
1-18	Patrick	X		
1-19	Seliger	X		
1-20	West		X	
1-21	Whitmire		X	
1-22	Zaffirini		X	

1-23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 55 By: Williams

1-24 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-25 proposing a constitutional amendment appropriating money from the
1-26 system benefit fund for the purpose of returning system benefit
1-27 fund fees to retail electric customers.

1-28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-30 adding Section 30 to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 30. (a) On November 10, 2013, 90 percent of the
1-32 unobligated and otherwise unappropriated balance of the system
1-33 benefit fund account in the general revenue fund is appropriated to
1-34 the comptroller for the purpose of returning the appropriated money
1-35 to retail electric customers in the manner provided by general law.
1-36 The appropriation made by this subsection is not considered an
1-37 appropriation of state tax revenues for purposes of Section 22 of
1-38 this article.

1-39 (b) On the date specified by Subsection (a) of this section,
1-40 the comptroller shall transfer the amount appropriated by that
1-41 subsection from the system benefit fund account in the general
1-42 revenue fund into a special fund in the state treasury outside of
1-43 the general revenue fund. The comptroller shall retain the balance
1-44 in that special fund and without further appropriation shall
1-45 disburse the money to retail electric customers as directed under
1-46 general law. The comptroller shall credit to the special fund all
1-47 interest or other earnings on the balance of the special fund.

1-48 (c) Money authorized to be spent out of the system benefit
1-49 fund account by an appropriation that is made by law before November
1-50 10, 2013, may be spent as provided by general law and in accordance
1-51 with that appropriation.

1-52 (d) The legislature by general law shall provide for the
1-53 Public Utility Commission of Texas to direct the comptroller to
1-54 disburse the money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section
1-55 to retail electric customers beginning as soon as practicable, with
1-56 the entire balance of the appropriated money disbursed before
1-57 September 1, 2014.

1-58 (e) This section expires January 1, 2016.

1-59 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-60 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.

2-1 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
2-2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment appropriating the
2-3 system benefit fund for the purpose of returning system benefit
2-4 fund fees to retail electric customers."

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