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S.J.R. No. 61

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the reduction of
2 amounts paid by Texans to provide health care to the uninsured if
3 Medicaid eligibility is expanded in accordance with the federal
4 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; requiring hospital
5 district tax rate reductions.

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

7 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
8 adding Section 51-b to read as follows:

9 Sec. 51-b. If this state expands eligibility for medical
10 assistance in accordance with and provides medical assistance using
11 federal matching funds made available under the Patient Protection
12 and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148) as amended by the
13 Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No.
14 111-152) to provide that assistance, the legislature shall:

15 (1) by law prescribe appropriate rate reductions for
16 taxes imposed by hospital districts in this state that reflect the
17 reduction of health care costs of those districts resulting from
18 the receipt of additional federal funds for providing that
19 assistance; and

20 (2) reduce the amount of money appropriated for
21 providing uncompensated care to residents of this state to reflect
22 the reduced need for that care.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.

1 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the reduction
3 of amounts paid by Texans to provide health care to the uninsured if
4 Medicaid eligibility is expanded in accordance with the federal
5 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; requiring hospital
6 district tax rate reductions."