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H.J.R. No. 21

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring that any  
2 appropriations in excess of the constitutional spending limit be  
3 approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each  
4 house of the legislature.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 22(b), Article VIII, Texas Constitution,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

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

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.  
17 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring that any  
19 appropriations in excess of the constitutional spending limit be  
20 approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each  
21 house of the legislature."