A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using revenues, 
other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for 
nondedicated general governmental purposes or for certification of 
appropriations for nondedicated purposes or entities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49a, Article III, Texas Constitution, is 
amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-1) In making the determinations necessary for the 
Comptroller of Public Accounts to endorse the certificate under 
Subsection (b) of this section, the Comptroller may not consider 
any portion of any revenue of, or money received by, this state, or 
any account or fund balance, that by law has been dedicated to a 
particular purpose or entity as available for the purpose of 
certifying that the amount of appropriations for any other purpose 
or entity is within the amount estimated to be available in the 
affected funds. The Legislature may not by general law make an 
unappropriated balance of a dedicated account or fund available for 
general governmental purposes or certification except by expressly 
repealing the dedication.

(b-2) In making the determinations necessary for the 
Comptroller of Public Accounts to make the biennial estimate of 
anticipated revenue under Subsection (a) of this section, the 
Comptroller may not consider any portion of any revenue of, or money 
received by, this state, or any account or fund balance, that by law
SECTION 2. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 5 to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Revenue of, or money received by, this state from one or more particular sources or held in or deposited to an identified account or fund inside or outside the state treasury the appropriation or expenditure of which at the time the revenue is collected or the money is received by the state is dedicated by general law to one or more particular purposes or for one or more particular entities may not be appropriated or expended for any purpose, or to or by any entity, other than a purpose or entity to which the revenue or money is dedicated unless the legislature expressly repeals the dedication.

SECTION 3. The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, prohibiting using revenues, other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes or for certification of appropriations for nondedicated purposes or entities.

(b) Section 49a(b-1), Article III, of this constitution takes effect January 1, 2021, and applies only to the certification of an appropriation authorized for all or part of a state fiscal year beginning on or after September 1, 2021.

(c) Section 49a(b-2), Article III, of this constitution
takes effect January 1, 2016, and applies to the biennial estimate of anticipated revenue made under Section 49a(a) of that article for all or part of a state fiscal year beginning on or after September 1, 2016.

(d) Section 5, Article VIII, of this constitution takes effect September 1, 2021, and applies only to appropriations authorized for all or part of, or expenditures during, a state fiscal year beginning on or after that date.

(e) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to end fee and other revenue diversions by prohibiting using certain money dedicated by law for nondedicated purposes or entities and to prohibit using that money to certify appropriations for nondedicated purposes or entities."