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S.J.R. No. 3

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment excepting certain
3 appropriations for reducing state debt from the constitutional
4 limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

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

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

8 (a) In no biennium shall the rate of growth of
9 appropriations from state tax revenues, other than state tax
10 revenues [not] dedicated by this constitution and state tax
11 revenues appropriated for the purpose of paying for tax relief,
12 exceed the estimated rate of growth of the state's economy. The
13 legislature shall provide by general law procedures to implement
14 this subsection.

15 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
16 the Texas Constitution:

17 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
18 to the amendment to Section 22(a), Article VIII, of this
19 constitution as proposed by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session,
20 2015, excepting certain appropriations for paying for tax relief
21 from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of
22 appropriations. This temporary provision expires December 1, 2017.

23 (b) The change made to Section 22(a), Article VIII, of this
24 constitution by the amendment applies only in relation to

1 appropriations made for the state fiscal biennium beginning
2 September 1, 2017, and subsequent state fiscal bienniums.
3 Appropriations for the state fiscal biennium that began September
4 1, 2015, are governed by Section 22, Article VIII, as that section
5 provided immediately before the voters approved the amendment.

6 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
8 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
9 proposition: "The constitutional amendment excepting certain
10 appropriations for paying for tax relief from the constitutional
11 limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations."