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S.J.R. No. 41

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment providing that a statute or  
3 appropriations act that furthers a legitimate state purpose or  
4 interest such as efficiency or local control meets the requirement  
5 of providing an efficient system of public schools and that this  
6 requirement is the prerogative of the legislature.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article VII, Texas Constitution, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 1. A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to  
11 the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall  
12 be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make  
13 suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient  
14 system of public free schools so that every school district will  
15 have substantially equal access to similar revenues per student at  
16 similar levels of tax effort. A statute or appropriations act  
17 enacted by the Legislature to provide for an efficient system or to  
18 provide for its support and maintenance is presumed to meet the  
19 requirements of this constitution if the statute or appropriations  
20 act rationally furthers a legitimate State purpose or interest such  
21 as efficiency or local control. The duty imposed by this section is  
22 the prerogative of the Legislature.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.

1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that a  
3 statute or appropriations act that furthers a legitimate state  
4 purpose or interest such as efficiency or local control meets the  
5 requirement of providing an efficient system of public schools and  
6 that this requirement is the prerogative of the legislature."