RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 38 By: Capriglione Ways & Means Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

According to interested parties, the comptroller of public accounts has requested certain changes to the law relating to the operation and administration of the Texas Bullion Depository to help run the depository more efficiently. These changes include the granting of a property tax exemption for precious metal held in the depository. H.J.R. 38 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing such an exemption.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 38 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature by general law to exempt precious metal held in the Texas Bullion Depository from property taxation and define "precious metal" for the purpose of the exemption.

ELECTION DATE

The constitutional amendment proposed by this joint resolution will be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.

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