

By: Bonnen of Galveston

H.J.R. No. 1

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 1:

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the limitation on
2 the rate of growth of appropriations.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 22, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 22. (a) The rate of growth of appropriations from all
7 sources of state revenue other than the federal government may not
8 in any [~~In no~~] biennium exceed the estimated [~~shall the~~] rate of
9 growth in this state's population during the biennium for which
10 appropriations are made, adjusted by the estimated rate of
11 inflation in this state during the same period [~~of appropriations~~
12 ~~from state tax revenues not dedicated by this constitution exceed~~
13 ~~the estimated rate of growth of the state's economy~~]. The
14 legislature by general law shall provide [~~by general law~~]
15 procedures to implement this subsection.

16 (b) If the legislature by adoption of a resolution approved
17 by a record vote of three-fifths [~~a majority~~] of the members of each
18 house finds that an emergency exists and identifies the nature of
19 the emergency, the legislature may provide for appropriations in
20 excess of the amount authorized by Subsection (a) of this section.
21 The excess amount authorized under this subsection may not exceed
22 the amount specified in the resolution.

23 (c) In no case shall appropriations exceed revenues as
24 provided in Section 49a, Article III, [~~Section 49a~~] of this

1 constitution. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter,
2 amend, or repeal Section 49a, Article III, [~~Section 49a~~] of this
3 constitution.

4 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
5 the Texas Constitution:

6 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
7 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature,
8 1st Called Session, 2017, regarding the limitation on the rate of
9 growth of appropriations.

10 (b) The amendments to Section 22, Article VIII, of this
11 constitution apply only in relation to appropriations made for the
12 state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2019, and subsequent
13 state fiscal bienniums.

14 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2020.

15 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the
19 limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations."