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H.J.R. No. 21

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment abolishing school district  
2 maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes.

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

4 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 1-e-1 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1-e-1. Notwithstanding any other law, beginning on  
7 January 1, 2020, a political subdivision of this state may not levy  
8 an ad valorem tax for the purpose of maintaining an efficient system  
9 of public free schools.

10 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.  
12 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
13 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to abolish school  
14 district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes beginning on  
15 January 1, 2020, in order that the legislature may enact a fairer  
16 system of fully funding public education."