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H.J.R. No. 31

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 31:

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the  
2 legislature to mandate unfunded costs and requirements on a  
3 municipality, county, or school district.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 68 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 68. A law enacted by the legislature on or after  
8 January 1, 2018, that requires a municipality, county, or school  
9 district to establish, expand, or modify a duty or activity that  
10 requires the expenditure of revenue by the municipality, county, or  
11 school district is not effective unless the legislature  
12 appropriates or otherwise provides, from a source other than the  
13 revenue of the municipality, county, or school district, for the  
14 payment or reimbursement of the costs incurred for the biennium by  
15 the municipality, county, or school district in complying with the  
16 requirement.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.  
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to restrict the power  
21 of the legislature from mandating unfunded costs and requirements  
22 on a municipality, county, or school district."