By: Capriglione H.J.R. No. 46

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for certain excess
- 2 revenue to be dedicated toward contributions to the state
- 3 retirement system for education employees and to the health benefit
- 4 plan for retired education employees and their dependents.
- 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 49-g, Article III, Texas Constitution,
- 7 is amended by adding Subsections (p) and (q) to read as follows:
- 8 (p) When the comptroller acts to prevent the amount in the
- 9 economic stabilization fund from exceeding the limit in effect for
- 10 <u>a biennium under Subsection (g) of this section by reducing an</u>
- 11 amount transferred to the fund from general revenue as provided by
- 12 Subsection (b) or (c) of this section or by crediting to general
- 13 revenue interest due to the economic stabilization fund as provided
- 14 by Subsection (i) of this section, the comptroller shall credit to
- 15 an account in the general revenue fund in the state treasury:
- 16 (1) if the comptroller reduces the amount transferred
- 17 under Subsection (b) of this section, an amount of general revenue
- 18 equal to the difference between the amount transferred to the
- 19 <u>economic stabilization fund under Subsection (b) of this section</u>
- 20 and the amount that would have been transferred under that
- 21 subsection but for the limit in effect under Subsection (g) of this
- 22 section;
- 23 (2) if the comptroller reduces the amount transferred
- 24 under Subsection (c) of this section, an amount of general revenue

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- 1 equal to the difference between the amount transferred to the
- 2 economic stabilization fund under Subsection (c) of this section
- 3 and the amount that would have been transferred under that
- 4 subsection but for the limit in effect under Subsection (g) of this
- 5 section; and
- 6 (3) if the comptroller reduces the amount credited to
- 7 the economic stabilization fund under Subsection (i) of this
- 8 section, an amount of general revenue equal to the amount credited
- 9 to general revenue under that subsection.
- 10 (q) General revenue credited to the account in the general
- 11 revenue fund in the state treasury as provided by Subsection (p) of
- 12 this section, and the interest or other earnings on the balance of
- 13 that account, may be appropriated only for the purpose of making an
- 14 additional contribution to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- 15 created under Section 67(b), Article XVI, of this constitution, or
- 16 to the health benefit plan created for the retired members of the
- 17 Teacher Retirement System of Texas and their dependents.
- 18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.
- 20 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
- 21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for certain
- 22 excess revenue to be dedicated toward contributions to the state
- 23 retirement system for education employees and to the health benefit
- 24 plan for retired education employees and their dependents."