By:  Phelan, et al. H.J.R. No. 4

     (Senate Sponsor - Creighton, Hinojosa)

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019; April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Water & Rural Affairs; May 15, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Creighton       X

Alvarado        X

Johnson         X

Kolkhorst       X

Rodríguez       X

Taylor          X

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects.

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

SECTION 1.  Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 49-d-14 to read as follows:

Sec. 49-d-14.  (a)  The flood infrastructure fund is created as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund.

(b)  As provided by general law, money in the flood infrastructure fund may be administered and used, without further appropriation, by the Texas Water Development Board or that board's successor in function to provide financing for a drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control project, including:

(1)  planning and design activities;

(2)  work to obtain regulatory approval to provide nonstructural and structural flood mitigation and drainage; or

(3)  construction of structural flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure.

(c)  Separate accounts may be established in the flood infrastructure fund as necessary to administer the fund or authorized projects.

SECTION 2.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."

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