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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the state or a municipality or county to donate certain property to the United States to promote border crossing security or international bridge trade corridors, to issue public securities to finance the acquisition or construction of that property, and to use public money to make certain payments related to public-private partnerships.

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

SECTION 1.  Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Sections 52m and 52n to read as follows:

Sec. 52m.  (a) The state or a municipality or county may unconditionally donate to the United States to promote border crossing security or international bridge trade corridors:

(1)  real property acquired by and improvements to that property acquired or constructed by the state or the municipality or county; and

(2)  technology or equipment acquired by the state or the municipality or county.

(b)  For the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section, the state or a municipality or county may issue public securities as provided under general law for financing public works to:

(1)  finance the acquisition of property described by that subsection or the construction of improvements described by that subsection; or

(2)  refund or refinance existing debt incurred by the state or the municipality or county to acquire property described by that subsection or to construct improvements described by that subsection.

Sec. 52n.  The state or a municipality or county may use public money to pay lease payments, service payments, user fees, debt service, or other costs associated with a public-private partnership.

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 authorizing the state or a municipality or county to unconditionally donate to the United States certain property acquired or constructed by the state or the municipality or county to promote border crossing security or international bridge trade corridors, to issue public securities to finance the acquisition or construction of that property, and to use public money to make certain payments related to public-private partnerships."