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H.J.R. No. 40

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand
2 eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal
3 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 74 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 74. The state shall provide medical assistance under
8 the federal Medicaid program to all persons who apply for that
9 assistance and for whom federal matching funds are available under
10 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No.
11 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education
12 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152), to the state to
13 provide that assistance.

14 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
15 the Texas Constitution:

16 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
17 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature,
18 Regular Session, 2019, requiring the state to expand eligibility
19 for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are
20 available under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care
21 Act.

22 (b) Section 74, Article XVI, of this constitution takes
23 effect January 1, 2020.

24 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2021.

1 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
3 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
4 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the state to
5 expand eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal
6 matching funds are available under the federal Patient Protection
7 and Affordable Care Act."