By: Martinez   H.J.R. No. 83

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 83:

By: Romero, Jr.   C.S.H.J.R. No. 83

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the state or a

2 municipality or county to donate certain property to the United

3 States to promote border crossing security or international bridge

4 trade corridors, to issue public securities to finance the

5 acquisition or construction of that property, and to use public

6 money to make certain payments related to public-private

7 partnerships.

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

9   SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by

10 adding Section 52m to read as follows:

11   Sec. 52m. (a) The state or a municipality or county may

12 unconditionally donate to the United States to promote border

13 crossing security or international bridge trade corridors:

14   (1) real property acquired by and improvements to that

15 property acquired or constructed by the state or the municipality

16 or county; and

17   (2) technology or equipment acquired by the state or

18 the municipality or county.

19   (b) For the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this

20 section, the state or a municipality or county may issue public

21 securities as provided under general law for financing public

22 works, without the necessity of further or amendatory legislation,

23 to:

24   (1) finance the acquisition of property described by

1 that subsection or the construction of improvements described by

2 that subsection; or

3   (2) refund or refinance existing debt incurred by the

4 state or the municipality or county to acquire property described

5 by that subsection or to construct improvements described by that

6 subsection.

7   (c) An election is not required to authorize a public

8 security issued under Subsection (b) of this section regardless of

9 whether the public security is payable from ad valorem taxes.

10   (d) The state or a municipality or county may use public

11 money to pay lease payments, service payments, user fees, debt

12 service, or other costs associated with a public-private

13 partnership to establish public works for border crossing security

14 or for international bridge trade corridors.

15   SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.

17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the

18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state

19 or a municipality or county to unconditionally donate to the United

20 States certain property acquired or constructed by the state or the

21 municipality or county to promote border crossing security or

22 international bridge trade corridors, to issue public securities to

23 finance the acquisition or construction of that property, and to

24 use public money to make certain payments related to public-private

25 partnerships establishing public works for those purposes."