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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 Sections 52m and 52n 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 works
22 to:

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

1 that subsection; or

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

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

10 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
12 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
13 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state
14 or a municipality or county to unconditionally donate to the United
15 States certain property acquired or constructed by the state or the
16 municipality or county to promote border crossing security or
17 international bridge trade corridors, to issue public securities to
18 finance the acquisition or construction of that property, and to
19 use public money to make certain payments related to public-private
20 partnerships."