By: Menéndez S.J.R. No. 60

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount that
- 2 the state may contribute to the Employees Retirement System of
- 3 Texas.
- 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 67(b)(3), Article XVI, Texas
- 6 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 (3) The amount contributed by a person participating
- 8 in the Employees Retirement System of Texas or the Teacher
- 9 Retirement System of Texas shall be established by the legislature
- 10 but may not be less than six percent of current compensation. The
- 11 amount contributed by the state to the Employees Retirement System
- 12 of Texas may not be less than six percent nor more than 11 percent of
- 13 the aggregate compensation paid to individuals participating in the
- 14 system. The amount contributed by the state to the Teacher
- 15 Retirement System of Texas may not be less than six percent nor more
- 16 than 10 percent of the aggregate compensation paid to individuals
- 17 participating in the system. In an emergency, as determined by the
- 18 governor, the legislature may appropriate such additional sums as
- 19 are actuarially determined to be required to fund benefits
- 20 authorized by law.
- 21 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 22 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
- 23 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 24 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to improve the

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- 1 actuarial soundness of the Employees Retirement System of Texas by
- 2 authorizing an increase in the maximum amount of the state's annual
- 3 contribution to the Employees Retirement System of Texas to 11
- 4 percent of the total compensation paid to individuals participating
- 5 in the system."