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S.J.R. No. 75

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of
3 general obligation bonds to be paid out of the economic
4 stabilization fund by the Texas Water Development Board to provide
5 financial assistance to political subdivisions for projects
6 related to disaster recovery; disaster mitigation; disaster
7 response; or construct, repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct state
8 or local infrastructure.

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

10 SECTION 1. Article XIV, Texas Constitution, is amended by
11 adding Section 2 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 2. (a) The legislature by general law may authorize
13 the Texas Water Development Board to issue general obligation bonds
14 of the State of Texas in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10
15 billion and enter into related grant agreements to provide
16 financial assistance to political subdivisions for projects
17 related to disaster recovery; disaster mitigation; disaster
18 response; or construct, repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct state
19 or local infrastructure. The legislature by general law may
20 prescribe procedures for the administration of this section.

21 (b) The bonds authorized under this section shall be
22 executed in the form, on the terms, and in the denominations, bear
23 interest, and be issued as prescribed by the Texas Water
24 Development Board.

1 (c) The bonds authorized under this section constitute a
2 general obligation of the state. While any of the bonds or interest
3 on the bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there is appropriated out of
4 the first money coming into the economic stabilization fund or
5 treasury each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by this
6 constitution, an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and
7 interest on the bonds that mature or become due during the fiscal
8 year, including an amount sufficient to make payments under a
9 related credit agreement.

10 (d) The proceeds from the issuance and sale of the bonds,
11 and the interest earned on the bonds, are appropriated when
12 received by the state and may be used as provided by this section
13 and law enacted under this section without further appropriation.

14 (e) Bonds issued under this section, after approval by the
15 attorney general, registration by the comptroller of public
16 accounts, and delivery to the purchasers, are incontestable and are
17 general obligations of the State of Texas under this constitution.

18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
22 issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development
23 Board to be paid out of the economic stabilization fund in an amount
24 not to exceed \$10 billion to provide financial assistance to
25 political subdivisions for projects related to disaster recovery;
26 disaster mitigation; disaster mitigation; or construct, repair,
27 rehabilitate, or reconstruct state or local infrastructure."