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S.J.R. No. 79

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of
3 additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development
4 Board to provide financial assistance for the development of
5 certain projects in economically distressed areas.

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

7 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
8 adding Section 49-d-14 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 49-d-14. (a) In addition to the bonds authorized by
10 the other provisions of this article, the Texas Water Development
11 Board may issue general obligation bonds, at its determination and
12 on a continuing basis, for the economically distressed areas
13 program account of the Texas Water Development Fund II in amounts
14 such that the aggregate principal amount of the bonds issued by the
15 board under this section that are outstanding at any time does not
16 exceed \$50 million. The bonds shall be used to provide financial
17 assistance for the development of water supply and sewer service
18 projects in economically distressed areas of the state as defined
19 by law.

20 (b) The additional general obligation bonds authorized by
21 this section may be issued as bonds, notes, or other obligations as
22 permitted by law and shall be sold in forms and denominations, on
23 terms, at times, in the manner, at places, and in installments, as
24 determined by the Texas Water Development Board. The bonds shall

1 bear a rate or rates of interest the Texas Water Development Board
2 determines. The bonds shall be incontestable after execution by
3 the Texas Water Development Board, approval by the attorney
4 general, and delivery to the purchaser or purchasers of the bonds.

5 (c) Section 49-d-8(e) of this article applies to the
6 additional general obligation bonds authorized by this section.
7 The limitation in Section 49-d-8 of this article that the Texas
8 Water Development Board may not issue bonds in excess of the
9 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds previously
10 authorized for the economically distressed areas program does not
11 apply to the bonds authorized by and issued under this section.

12 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
13 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
14 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
15 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
16 issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water
17 Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$400 million to provide
18 financial assistance for the development of certain projects in
19 economically distressed areas."