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S.J.R. No. 11

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to develop
2 and seek appropriate authorization under the federal Medicaid
3 program to implement the Live Well Texas program to provide health
4 benefit coverage to certain individuals.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 74 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 74. (a) As provided by general law, the state shall
9 develop and seek a waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security
10 Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1315) to the state Medicaid plan or other
11 appropriate federal authorization to implement the Live Well Texas
12 program to assist individuals for whom federal matching funds are
13 available to the state under the Patient Protection and Affordable
14 Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and
15 Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152) or other
16 federal law in obtaining health benefit coverage.

17 (b) The terms of the waiver or other authorization described
18 by Subsection (a) of this section must be designed in a manner that
19 leverages available federal medical assistance percentage funding
20 under the federal Medicaid program, including funding available
21 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2).

22 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
23 the Texas Constitution:

24 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies

1 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 87th Legislature,
2 3rd Called Session, 2021, requiring the state to develop and seek
3 appropriate authorization under the federal Medicaid program to
4 implement the Live Well Texas program to provide health benefit
5 coverage to certain individuals.

6 (b) Section 74, Article XVI, of this constitution takes
7 effect January 1, 2023.

8 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2024.

9 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
10 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2022.
11 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
12 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the state to
13 develop and seek appropriate authorization under the federal
14 Medicaid program to implement the Live Well Texas program to
15 provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals."