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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the dedication by general law of revenue of or money received by this state and money held in or deposited to an account or fund inside or outside the state treasury and the authorized expenditure or appropriation of revenue or money dedicated by general law.

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

SECTION 1.  Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 25 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.  (a)  The legislature by general law may dedicate to one or more particular purposes the appropriation or expenditure of:

(1)  revenue of, or money received by, this state from one or more particular sources; or

(2)  money held in or deposited to an identified account or fund inside or outside the state treasury.

(b)  Subsection (a) of this section does not authorize a dedication by general law of revenue or money otherwise dedicated by this constitution in a manner that is inconsistent with that constitutional dedication.

(c)  Revenue or money the appropriation or expenditure of which is dedicated by general law to a purpose or purposes as described by Subsection (a) of this section may not be appropriated or expended for any purpose other than the dedicated purpose or purposes, except as authorized by a subsequently adopted general law that:

(1)  expressly amends or repeals the general law under which the revenue or money was dedicated; and

(2)  is adopted by a record vote of two-thirds of the membership of both houses of the legislature.

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

TEMPORARY PROVISION.  (a) This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, regarding the dedication by general law of revenue of or money received by this state and money held in or deposited to an account or fund inside or outside the state treasury and the authorized expenditure or appropriation of revenue or money dedicated by general law.

(b)  Section 25, Article VIII, of this constitution takes effect September 1, 2023, and applies only to appropriations authorized for or expenditures during a state fiscal year beginning on or after that date.

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

SECTION 3.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the dedication by general law of revenue of or money received by this state and money held in or deposited to an account or fund inside or outside the state treasury and the authorized expenditure or appropriation of revenue or money dedicated by general law."