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A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the
- 2 legislature to mandate requirements on a municipality or county.
- 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
- 5 adding Section 68 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 68. A law enacted by the legislature on or after
- 7 January 1, 2022, that requires a municipality or county to
- 8 establish, expand, or modify a duty or activity that requires the
- 9 expenditure of revenue by the municipality or county is not
- 10 effective unless the legislature appropriates or otherwise
- 11 provides, from a source other than the revenue of the municipality
- 12 or county, for the payment or reimbursement of the costs incurred
- 13 for the biennium by the municipality or county in complying with the
- 14 requirement.
- 15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
- 17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to restrict the power
- 19 of the legislature to mandate unfunded requirements on a
- 20 municipality or county."