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H.J.R. No. 103

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of
2 the water infrastructure resiliency fund and the critical
3 infrastructure resiliency fund to assist in the financing of
4 certain infrastructure projects.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 49-d-15 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 49-d-15. (a) The water infrastructure resiliency fund
9 is created as a special fund in the state treasury outside the
10 general revenue fund.

11 (b) As provided by general law, money in the water
12 infrastructure resiliency fund may be administered and used,
13 without further appropriation, by the Texas Water Development Board
14 or that board's successor in function to provide financing for
15 weatherizing and hardening water and wastewater systems

16 (c) Separate accounts may be established in the water
17 infrastructure resiliency fund as necessary to administer the fund
18 or authorized projects.

19 SECTION 2. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
20 adding Section 49-q to read as follows:

21 Sec. 49-q. (a) The critical infrastructure resiliency fund
22 is created as a special fund in the state treasury outside the
23 general revenue fund.

24 (b) As provided by general law, money in the critical

1 infrastructure resiliency fund may be administered and used,
2 without further appropriation, by the Texas Division of Emergency
3 Management or that division's successor in function to provide
4 financing for:

5 (1) localized improvements to the electric grid;
6 (2) improvements at and between buildings to create
7 micro-grids;

8 (2) hardening lines of emergency communication; and

9 (3) purchasing reserve power supply such as onsite
10 generation and energy storage systems necessary to sustain:

11 (A) emergency communications; and

12 (B) critical medical care.

13 (c) Separate accounts may be established in the critical
14 infrastructure resiliency fund as necessary to administer the fund
15 or authorized projects.

16 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
20 creation of the modern infrastructure fund to assist in the
21 financing of modern electric, transportation, and communications
22 infrastructure projects."