By: Bucy H.J.R. No. 3

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand
- 2 eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal
- 3 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
- 6 adding Section 74 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 74. The state shall provide medical assistance to all
- 8 persons who apply for that assistance and for whom federal matching
- 9 funds are available under the Patient Protection and Affordable
- 10 Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and
- 11 Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152), to the
- 12 state to provide that assistance.
- 13 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
- 14 the Texas Constitution:
- 15 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
- 16 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature,
- 17 1st Called Session, 2023, requiring the state to expand eligibility
- 18 for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are
- 19 <u>available under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care</u>
- 20 <u>Act.</u>
- 21 (b) Section 74, Article XVI, of this constitution takes
- 22 effect January 1, 2024.
- 23 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2025.
- SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

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- 1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
- 2 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
- 3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the state to
- 4 expand eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal
- 5 matching funds are available under the federal Patient Protection
- 6 and Affordable Care Act.