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H.J.R. No. 17

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 Regular Session, 2023, requiring the state to expand eligibility  
18 for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are  
19 available under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
20 Act.

21 (b) Section 74, Article XVI, of this constitution takes  
22 effect January 1, 2024.

23 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2025.

24 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."