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H.J.R. No. 178

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the imposition of
2 an additional ad valorem tax for emergency services districts,
3 subject to voter approval, at a rate not to exceed five cents for
4 the acquisition of land, equipment, or apparatus or the
5 construction of capital improvements.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 48-e. Laws may be enacted to provide for the
10 establishment and creation of special districts to provide
11 emergency services and to authorize the commissioners courts of
12 participating counties to impose [~~levy~~] a tax on the ad valorem
13 property situated in said districts not to exceed 10 cents [~~Ten~~
14 ~~Cents (10¢)~~] on the \$100 [~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~] valuation
15 for the operating and capital support thereof and five cents on the
16 \$100 valuation for the acquisition of land, equipment, or apparatus
17 or the construction of capital improvements; provided that no tax
18 shall be imposed [~~levied~~] in support of said districts until
19 approved by a vote of the qualified voters residing therein. Such a
20 district may provide emergency medical services, emergency
21 ambulance services, rural fire prevention and control services, or
22 other emergency services authorized by the Legislature.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.

1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the
3 imposition of an additional ad valorem tax for an emergency
4 services district, subject to voter approval, at a rate not to
5 exceed five cents for the acquisition of land, equipment, or
6 apparatus or the construction of capital improvements."