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S.J.R. No. 32

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the authority of
3 the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in
4 El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund
5 the development and maintenance of parks and recreational
6 facilities.

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

8 SECTION 1. Subsection (c-1), Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
9 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

10 (c-1) In addition and only as provided by this subsection,
11 the Legislature may authorize conservation and reclamation
12 districts to develop and finance with taxes those types and
13 categories of parks and recreational facilities that were not
14 authorized by this section to be developed and financed with taxes
15 before September 13, 2003. For development of such parks and
16 recreational facilities, the Legislature may authorize
17 indebtedness payable from taxes as may be necessary to provide for
18 improvements and maintenance only for a conservation and
19 reclamation district all or part of which is located in Bexar
20 County, Bastrop County, Waller County, Travis County, Williamson
21 County, Harris County, Galveston County, Brazoria County, Fort Bend
22 County, ~~or~~ Montgomery County, or El Paso County, or for the
23 Tarrant Regional Water District, a water control and improvement
24 district located in whole or in part in Tarrant County. All the

1 indebtedness may be evidenced by bonds of the conservation and
2 reclamation district, to be issued under regulations as may be
3 prescribed by law. The Legislature may also authorize the levy and
4 collection within such district of all taxes, equitably
5 distributed, as may be necessary for the payment of the interest and
6 the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds and for
7 maintenance of and improvements to such parks and recreational
8 facilities. The indebtedness shall be a lien on the property
9 assessed for the payment of the bonds. The Legislature may not
10 authorize the issuance of bonds or provide for indebtedness under
11 this subsection against a conservation and reclamation district
12 unless a proposition is first submitted to the qualified voters of
13 the district and the proposition is adopted. This subsection
14 expands the authority of the Legislature with respect to certain
15 conservation and reclamation districts and is not a limitation on
16 the authority of the Legislature with respect to conservation and
17 reclamation districts and parks and recreational facilities
18 pursuant to this section as that authority existed before September
19 13, 2003.

20 SECTION 2. The legislature intends by the amendment
21 proposed by Section 1 of this resolution to expand the authority of
22 the legislature with regard to conservation and reclamation
23 districts in El Paso County. The proposed amendment should not be
24 construed as a limitation on the powers of the legislature or of a
25 district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those
26 powers exist immediately before the amendment takes effect.

27 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
4 legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El
5 Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the
6 development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."