

1-1 By: Blanco S.J.R. No. 32
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 20, 2023; February 17, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture &
 1-4 Rural Affairs; April 3, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; April 3, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-9		X		
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13			X	
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-18 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the authority of
 1-19 the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in
 1-20 El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund
 1-21 the development and maintenance of parks and recreational
 1-22 facilities.

1-23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subsection (c-1), Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
 1-25 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

1-26 (c-1) In addition and only as provided by this subsection,
 1-27 the Legislature may authorize conservation and reclamation
 1-28 districts to develop and finance with taxes those types and
 1-29 categories of parks and recreational facilities that were not
 1-30 authorized by this section to be developed and financed with taxes
 1-31 before September 13, 2003. For development of such parks and
 1-32 recreational facilities, the Legislature may authorize
 1-33 indebtedness payable from taxes as may be necessary to provide for
 1-34 improvements and maintenance only for a conservation and
 1-35 reclamation district all or part of which is located in Bexar
 1-36 County, Bastrop County, Waller County, Travis County, Williamson
 1-37 County, Harris County, Galveston County, Brazoria County, Fort Bend
 1-38 County, ~~or~~ Montgomery County, or El Paso County, or for the
 1-39 Tarrant Regional Water District, a water control and improvement
 1-40 district located in whole or in part in Tarrant County. All the
 1-41 indebtedness may be evidenced by bonds of the conservation and
 1-42 reclamation district, to be issued under regulations as may be
 1-43 prescribed by law. The Legislature may also authorize the levy and
 1-44 collection within such district of all taxes, equitably
 1-45 distributed, as may be necessary for the payment of the interest and
 1-46 the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds and for
 1-47 maintenance of and improvements to such parks and recreational
 1-48 facilities. The indebtedness shall be a lien on the property
 1-49 assessed for the payment of the bonds. The Legislature may not
 1-50 authorize the issuance of bonds or provide for indebtedness under
 1-51 this subsection against a conservation and reclamation district
 1-52 unless a proposition is first submitted to the qualified voters of
 1-53 the district and the proposition is adopted. This subsection
 1-54 expands the authority of the Legislature with respect to certain
 1-55 conservation and reclamation districts and is not a limitation on
 1-56 the authority of the Legislature with respect to conservation and
 1-57 reclamation districts and parks and recreational facilities
 1-58 pursuant to this section as that authority existed before September
 1-59 13, 2003.

1-60 SECTION 2. The legislature intends by the amendment
 1-61 proposed by Section 1 of this resolution to expand the authority of

2-1 the legislature with regard to conservation and reclamation
2-2 districts in El Paso County. The proposed amendment should not be
2-3 construed as a limitation on the powers of the legislature or of a
2-4 district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those
2-5 powers exist immediately before the amendment takes effect.

2-6 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2-7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
2-8 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
2-9 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
2-10 legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El
2-11 Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the
2-12 development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

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