SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of
the centennial parks conservation fund.

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

SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
adding Section 49-e-1 to read as follows:

Sec. 49-e-1. (a) The centennial parks conservation fund is
established as a trust fund outside the treasury. In accordance
with general law, the fund may be used only for the creation and
improvement of state parks.

(b) The centennial parks conservation fund consists of:

(1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to
the fund by the legislature;

(2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Parks
and Wildlife Department or the department's successor in function
for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used under this
section; and

(3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts
credited to the fund.

(c) The legislature may appropriate money from the
centennial parks conservation fund to the Parks and Wildlife
Department or the department's successor in function for the
purposes prescribed for the fund by this section and general law.

(d) For purposes of Section 22, Article VIII, of this
constitution:

(1) money in the centennial parks conservation fund is
dedicated by this constitution; and

(2) an appropriation of state tax revenues for the
purpose of depositing money to the credit of the fund is treated as
if it were an appropriation of revenues dedicated by this
constitution.

(e) The reasonable expenses of managing the fund and its
assets shall be paid from the fund.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for
the creation and improvement of state parks."
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 74 was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 3; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 74 was adopted by the House, with amendments, on May 15, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 21, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Received:

Date

Secretary of State