

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

1 constitution:

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

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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.

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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.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received:

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Date

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Secretary of State