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S.J.R. No. 74

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of  
2 the centennial parks conservation fund to be administered by the  
3 Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

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

7 Sec. 49-e-1. (a) The centennial parks conservation fund is  
8 created as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general  
9 revenue fund. Money in the centennial parks conservation fund  
10 shall be administered, without further appropriation, by the Parks  
11 and Wildlife Department or the department's successor in function.  
12 In accordance with general law, the centennial parks conservation  
13 fund may be used only for the creation and improvement of state and  
14 local parks and the conservation of land, water, and soil in this  
15 state. Separate accounts may be established in the centennial  
16 parks conservation fund as necessary or convenient to administer  
17 the fund or the supported projects.

18 (b) The legislature by general law may authorize the Parks  
19 and Wildlife Department or the department's successor in function  
20 to use the centennial parks conservation fund to provide financial  
21 assistance to support projects for public purposes consistent with  
22 this section through grants administered by the department or the  
23 department's successor in function. The financial assistance  
24 authorized by this subsection may be provided directly to public or

1 private entities as provided by general law.

2 (c) In accordance with general law, the Parks and Wildlife  
3 Department or the department's successor in function may, at that  
4 entity's discretion, transfer money from the centennial parks  
5 conservation fund to other programs and funds of the department or  
6 the department's successor in function.

7 (d) The centennial parks conservation fund consists of:

8 (1) money appropriated to the fund;

9 (2) money transferred or deposited to the credit of  
10 the fund by general law;

11 (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts  
12 credited to the fund; and

13 (4) gifts, grants, and donations received for the  
14 fund.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the  
19 creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be  
20 administered by the Parks and Wildlife Department and used for the  
21 creation and improvement of state and local parks and the  
22 conservation of land, water, and soil in this state."