

1-1 By: Perry S.J.R. No. 75  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2023; March 7, 2023, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural  
1-4 Affairs; March 21, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 March 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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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			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 75 By: Perry

1-19 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-20 proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund  
1-21 to assist in financing water projects in this state.

1-22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
1-24 adding Section 49-d-16 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 49-d-16. (a) The Texas water fund is created as a  
1-26 special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue  
1-27 fund. The fund is administered by the Texas Water Development Board  
1-28 or by that board's successor in function as provided by general law.

1-29 (b) The administrator of the Texas water fund may use the  
1-30 fund only to transfer money to other funds or accounts administered  
1-31 by the Texas Water Development Board or that board's successor in  
1-32 function. The administrator may restore to the fund money  
1-33 transferred from the fund and deposited to the credit of another  
1-34 fund or account. Legislative appropriation is not required for the  
1-35 administrator to restore money to the fund.

1-36 (c) The Texas water fund consists of:

1-37 (1) money transferred or deposited to the credit of  
1-38 the fund by general law, including money from any source  
1-39 transferred or deposited to the credit of the fund authorized by  
1-40 general law;

1-41 (2) any other revenue that the legislature by statute  
1-42 dedicates for deposit to the credit of the fund;

1-43 (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts  
1-44 credited to the fund;

1-45 (4) money from gifts, grants, or donations to the  
1-46 fund; and

1-47 (5) the redeposit of money transferred from the fund.

1-48 (d) The legislature by general law shall provide for the  
1-49 manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used, subject  
1-50 to the limitations provided by this section.

1-51 (e) The legislature by general law may provide for costs of  
1-52 investment of the Texas water fund to be paid from that fund.

1-53 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
1-54 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
1-55 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
1-56 proposition: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas  
1-57 water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

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