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H.J.R. No. 14

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to require a supermajority
2 vote to authorize a political subdivision to issue general
3 obligation bonds or other debt obligations payable from ad valorem
4 taxes.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 62 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 62. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
9 constitution, a political subdivision may not issue general
10 obligation bonds or other debt obligations payable from ad valorem
11 taxes unless the proposition authorizing the issuance is approved
12 by at least three-fifths of the voters voting in the election held
13 for that purpose.

14 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
15 the Texas Constitution:

16 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
17 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 89th Legislature,
18 1st Called Session, 2025, to require a supermajority vote to
19 authorize a political subdivision to issue general obligation bonds
20 or other debt obligations payable from ad valorem taxes.

21 (b) Section 62, Article XVI, of this constitution takes
22 effect January 1, 2026, and applies only to the issuance of general
23 obligation bonds or other debt obligations payable from ad valorem
24 taxes authorized by the voters at an election ordered on or after

1 that date.

2 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2027.

3 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
4 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
5 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
6 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require a
7 supermajority vote to authorize a political subdivision to issue
8 general obligation bonds or other debt obligations payable from ad
9 valorem taxes."