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H.J.R. No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the  
2 revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water  
3 fund.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 7-e to read as follows:

7 Sec. 7-e. (a) Subject to Section 7-d of this article and  
8 Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, in each state fiscal year,  
9 the comptroller of public accounts shall deposit to the credit of  
10 the Texas water fund the net revenue derived from the imposition of  
11 the state sales and use tax on the sale, storage, use, or other  
12 consumption in this state of taxable items under Chapter 151, Tax  
13 Code, or its successor, that exceeds the first \$48 billion of that  
14 revenue coming into the treasury in that state fiscal year,  
15 provided that the total amount deposited to the credit of the Texas  
16 water fund under this subsection in a state fiscal year may not  
17 exceed \$1 billion.

18 (b) The legislature by adoption of a concurrent resolution  
19 approved by a record vote of two-thirds of the members of each house  
20 of the legislature may direct the comptroller of public accounts to  
21 increase or reduce the amount of money deposited to the credit of  
22 the Texas water fund under Subsection (a) of this section. The  
23 comptroller may be directed to make the increase or reduction only:

24 (1) in the state fiscal year in which the resolution is

1 adopted, or in either of the following two state fiscal years; and

2 (2) by an amount or percentage that does not result in:

3 (A) an increase of more than 100 percent of the  
4 amount that would otherwise be deposited to the fund in the affected  
5 state fiscal year under Subsection (a) of this section; or

6 (B) a reduction of more than 50 percent of the  
7 amount that would otherwise be deposited to the fund in the affected  
8 state fiscal year under Subsection (a) of this section.

9 (c) Subject to Subsection (d) of this section, the duty of  
10 the comptroller of public accounts to make a deposit under this  
11 section expires August 31, 2035.

12 (d) The legislature by adoption of a concurrent resolution  
13 approved by a record vote of a majority of the members of each house  
14 of the legislature may extend, in 10-year increments, the duty of  
15 the comptroller of public accounts to make a deposit under  
16 Subsection (a) of this section beyond the applicable date  
17 prescribed by Subsection (c) of this section.

18 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
19 the Texas Constitution:

20 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies  
21 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 89th Legislature,  
22 Regular Session, 2025, to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived  
23 from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund.

24 (b) Section 7-e, Article VIII, of this constitution takes  
25 effect September 1, 2026.

26 (c) This temporary provision expires September 1, 2027.

27 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

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1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.  
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of  
4 the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas  
5 water fund."