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H.J.R. No. 81

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the dedication by
2 general law of money received by this state and money held in or
3 deposited to an account or fund inside or outside the state treasury
4 and the authorized expenditure or appropriation of money dedicated
5 by general law.

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

7 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
8 adding Section 26 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 26. (a) The legislature by general law may dedicate
10 to one or more particular purposes the appropriation or expenditure
11 of money:

12 (1) received by this state from one or more particular
13 sources; or

14 (2) held in or deposited to an identified account or
15 fund inside or outside the state treasury.

16 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not authorize a
17 dedication by general law of money otherwise dedicated by this
18 constitution in a manner that is inconsistent with that
19 constitutional dedication.

20 (c) Money the appropriation or expenditure of which is
21 dedicated by general law to a purpose or purposes as described by
22 Subsection (a) of this section may not be appropriated or expended
23 for any purpose other than the dedicated purpose or purposes,
24 except as authorized by a subsequently adopted general law that:

1 (1) expressly amends or repeals the general law under
2 which the money was dedicated; and

3 (2) is adopted by a record vote of two-thirds of the
4 membership of both houses of the legislature.

5 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
6 the Texas Constitution:

7 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
8 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 89th Legislature,
9 Regular Session, 2025, regarding the dedication by general law of
10 money received by this state and money held in or deposited to an
11 account or fund inside or outside the state treasury and the
12 authorized expenditure or appropriation of money dedicated by
13 general law.

14 (b) Section 26, Article VIII, of this constitution takes
15 effect September 1, 2027, and applies only to appropriations
16 authorized for or expenditures during a state fiscal year beginning
17 on or after that date.

18 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2028.

19 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
21 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the
23 dedication by general law of money received by this state and money
24 held in or deposited to an account or fund inside or outside the
25 state treasury and the authorized expenditure or appropriation of
26 money dedicated by general law."