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S.J.R. No. 3

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the  
2 establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of  
3 Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to  
4 provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of  
5 dementia and related disorders in this state, and transferring to  
6 that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.

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

8 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
9 adding Section 68 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 68. (a) The legislature shall establish the Dementia  
11 Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to:

12 (1) award grants to institutions of learning, advanced  
13 medical research facilities, public or private persons, and  
14 collaboratives in this state to provide money for:

15 (A) research into the causes of, means of  
16 prevention of, and treatment and rehabilitation for dementia and  
17 related disorders;

18 (B) research, including translational research,  
19 to develop therapies, protocols, medical pharmaceuticals, or  
20 procedures for the substantial mitigation of the symptoms of  
21 dementia and related disorders;

22 (C) facilities, equipment, and other costs  
23 related to research on dementia and related disorders; and

24 (D) prevention programs and strategies to

1 mitigate the detrimental health impacts of dementia and related  
2 disorders;

3 (2) support institutions of learning and advanced  
4 medical research facilities and collaboratives in this state in all  
5 stages of:

6 (A) discovering the causes of dementia and  
7 related disorders;

8 (B) developing therapies, protocols, medical  
9 pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of  
10 the symptoms of dementia and related disorders from laboratory  
11 research to clinical trials; and

12 (C) developing programs to address access to  
13 advanced treatment for dementia and related disorders; and

14 (3) establish the appropriate standards and oversight  
15 bodies to ensure the proper use of funding authorized under this  
16 section, including facilities development.

17 (b) The members of the governing body and any other  
18 decision-making body of the Dementia Prevention and Research  
19 Institute of Texas may serve six-year terms.

20 (c) The Dementia Prevention and Research Fund is  
21 established as a special fund in the state treasury outside the  
22 general revenue fund to be administered by the Dementia Prevention  
23 and Research Institute of Texas.

24 (c-1) On January 1, 2026, the comptroller shall transfer \$3  
25 billion from this state's general revenue fund to the Dementia  
26 Prevention and Research Fund. The transfer made under this  
27 subsection is not an appropriation of state tax revenues for the

1 purposes of Section 22, Article VIII, of this constitution. This  
2 subsection expires January 1, 2029.

3 (d) The Dementia Prevention and Research Fund consists of:

4 (1) money transferred to the fund under this section;

5 (2) money the legislature appropriates, credits, or  
6 transfers to the fund;

7 (3) gifts and grants, including grants from the  
8 federal government, and other donations received for the fund;

9 (4) patent, royalty, and license fees and other income  
10 received under a contract executed by the Dementia Prevention and  
11 Research Institute of Texas; and

12 (5) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts  
13 credited to the fund.

14 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
15 constitution, the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of  
16 Texas, as established by general law, may use money in the Dementia  
17 Prevention and Research Fund only for the purpose of funding:

18 (1) grants for research on dementia and related  
19 disorders, research facilities, and research opportunities in this  
20 state:

21 (A) for the prevention, treatment, and  
22 rehabilitation of dementia and related disorders and the mitigation  
23 of the incidence of and detrimental health impacts from dementia  
24 and related disorders; and

25 (B) to develop therapies, protocols, medical  
26 pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of  
27 the symptoms of dementia and related disorders;

1           (2) the purchase, construction, or renovation,  
2 subject to the institute's approval, of facilities by or on behalf  
3 of a state agency or grant recipient; and

4           (3) the institute's operation.

5           (f) The Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas  
6 may not award more than \$300 million in grants authorized under this  
7 section in a state fiscal year.

8           (g) Before the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute  
9 of Texas may award a grant authorized under this section, the grant  
10 recipient must have available an unexpended amount of money equal  
11 to one-half of the grant amount dedicated to the research specified  
12 in the grant proposal.

13           (h) The reasonable expenses of managing the assets of the  
14 Dementia Prevention and Research Fund shall be paid from the fund.

15           SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.  
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the  
19 establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of  
20 Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to  
21 provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of  
22 dementia and related disorders in this state, and transferring to  
23 that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue."