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S.J.R. No. 47

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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
11 Alzheimer's 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 Alzheimer's
17 disease and 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 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

22 (C) facilities, equipment, supplies, salaries,
23 benefits, and other costs related to research on Alzheimer's
24 disease and related disorders; and

1 (D) prevention programs and strategies to
2 mitigate the detrimental health impacts of Alzheimer's disease and
3 related disorders;

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

7 (A) discovering the causes of Alzheimer's
8 disease and related disorders;

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

13 (C) developing programs to address access to
14 advanced treatment for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
15 and

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

19 (b) The members of the governing body and any other
20 decision-making body of the Alzheimer's Prevention and Research
21 Institute of Texas may serve six-year terms.

22 (c) The Alzheimer's Prevention and Research Fund is
23 established as a special fund in the state treasury outside the
24 general revenue fund to be administered by the Alzheimer's
25 Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

26 (c-1) On January 1, 2026, the comptroller shall transfer \$3
27 billion from this state's general revenue fund to the Alzheimer's

Prevention and Research Fund. The transfer made under this subsection is not an appropriation of state tax revenues for the purposes of Section 22, Article VIII, of this constitution. This subsection expires January 1, 2029.

(d) The Alzheimer's Prevention and Research Fund consists of:

(1) money transferred to the fund under this section;
(2) money the legislature appropriates, credits, or transfers to the fund;

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

(4) patent, royalty, and license fees and other income received under a contract executed by the Alzheimer's Prevention and Research Institute of Texas; and

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

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

(1) grants for research on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, research facilities, and research opportunities in this state:

(A) for the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and the mitigation of the incidence of and detrimental health impacts from

1 the disease and disorders; and

2 (B) to develop therapies, protocols, medical
3 pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of
4 the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

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

8 (3) the institute's operation.

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

14 (g) The reasonable expenses of managing the assets of the
15 Alzheimer's Prevention and Research Fund shall be paid from the
16 fund.

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