By: Coleman   H.J.R. No. 149

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment clarifying the authority of

2 emergency services districts to levy taxes and issue bonds or other

3 obligations and removing the limitation on the ad valorem tax rate.

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

5   SECTION 1. Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution,

6 is amended to read as follows:

7   Sec. 48-e. Laws may be enacted to provide for the

8 establishment and creation of special districts to provide

9 emergency services, to authorize an emergency services district to

10 levy ad valorem taxes and issue bonds and other obligations, and to

11 authorize an emergency services district to use ad valorem tax

12 revenue for the operation of the district or repayment of the

13 principal of or interest on bonds or obligations [and to authorize

14 the commissioners courts of participating counties to levy a tax on

15 the ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Ten

16 Cents (10¢) on the One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) valuation for the

17 support thereof]; provided that no tax shall be levied, or bond or

18 obligation secured by ad valorem tax revenues issued, in support of

19 an emergency services district [said districts] until the tax,

20 bond, or obligation is approved by a vote of the qualified voters

21 residing in the district [therein].   Such a district may provide

22 emergency medical services, emergency ambulance services, rural

23 fire prevention and control services, or other emergency services

24 authorized by the Legislature.

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1   SECTION 2.   This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.

3 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the

4 proposition: "The   constitutional   amendment   clarifying   the

5 authority of emergency services districts to levy taxes and issue

6 bonds or other obligations and removing the limitation on the ad

7 valorem tax rate."