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H.J.R. No. 163

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the threshold of  
2 voter approval for a school district bond election.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 3, Article VII, Texas Constitution, is  
5 amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to  
6 read as follows:

7 (e) The Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the  
8 assessment and collection of taxes in all school districts and for  
9 the management and control of the public school or schools of such  
10 districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly  
11 within a county or in parts of two or more counties, and, subject to  
12 Subsection (e-1), the Legislature may authorize an additional ad  
13 valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts  
14 for the further maintenance of public free schools, and for the  
15 erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided that a  
16 majority of the qualified voters of the district voting at an  
17 election to be held for that purpose, shall approve the tax.

18 (e-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (e), an ad valorem tax  
19 authorized to be levied and collected within all school districts  
20 under that subsection for the payment of the principal of and  
21 interest on bonds issued by the district must be approved by  
22 three-fifths of the qualified voters of the district voting at an  
23 election held for that purpose.

24 SECTION 2. 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 increasing the  
4 threshold of voter approval for a school district bond election."