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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments.

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

SECTION 1. Article III of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Section 68 as follows:

Sec. 68. (a) No bill enacted by the legislature on or after January 1, 2012 requiring a local government to establish, expand, or modify a duty or activity that requires the expenditure of revenue by the local government shall be effective until and unless the legislature appropriates or otherwise provides for the payment or reimbursement, from a source other than the revenue of the local government, or the costs incurred for the biennium by the local government in complying with the requirement.

(b) For the purpose of this section, "local government" includes a county, a city, a hospital district, a community college district, or a special district created by the action of a county, city, hospital district, or community college.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the legislature from mandating unfunded requirements upon local governments."