

1-1 By: Hancock, Birdwell, Creighton S.J.R. No. 2
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2015; March 10, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 7, 2015,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 5; April 7, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Hinojosa			X	
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Eltife		X		
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 Huffman	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Nichols	X			
1-15 Schwertner	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			
1-17 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-18 Uresti		X		
1-19 Watson		X		
1-20 West		X		
1-21 Whitmire		X		

1-23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 2 By: Hancock

1-24 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-25 proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on
 1-26 the rate of growth in appropriations.

1-27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Section 22, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is
 1-29 amended to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 22. (a) For purposes of this section, "consolidated
 1-31 general revenue appropriations" means appropriations from:

1-32 (1) the general revenue fund in the state treasury;

1-33 (2) a dedicated account in the general revenue fund in
 1-34 the state treasury; or

1-35 (3) a general revenue-related fund in the state
 1-36 treasury as identified in the biennial statement required of the
 1-37 comptroller of public accounts under Section 49a, Article III, of
 1-38 this constitution.

1-39 (b) In no state fiscal biennium shall the rate of growth of
 1-40 consolidated general revenue appropriations [~~from state tax~~
 1-41 ~~revenues not dedicated by this constitution]~~ exceed the estimated
 1-42 average biennial rate of growth of the state's population during
 1-43 the state fiscal biennium preceding the biennium for which
 1-44 appropriations are made and during the state fiscal biennium for
 1-45 which appropriations are made adjusted by the estimated average
 1-46 biennial rate of monetary inflation in this state during the same
 1-47 period [~~economy~~].

1-48 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b) of this section, an
 1-49 appropriation to pay for a rebate of state taxes must be excluded
 1-50 from computations used to determine whether appropriations exceed
 1-51 the amount authorized by this section.

1-52 (d) The rates described by Subsection (b) of this section
 1-53 shall be determined in the manner provided by general law. If the
 1-54 determined rate is a negative number, consolidated general revenue
 1-55 appropriations for the next state fiscal biennium may not exceed
 1-56 the consolidated general revenue appropriations in the current
 1-57 state fiscal biennium.

1-58 (e) The legislature shall provide by general law procedures
 1-59 to implement Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section
 1-60 [~~subsection~~].

2-1 (f) [~~(b)~~] If the legislature by adoption of a resolution
2-2 approved by a record vote of three-fifths [~~a majority~~] of the
2-3 members of each house finds that an emergency exists and identifies
2-4 the nature of the emergency, the legislature may provide for
2-5 appropriations in excess of the amount authorized by Subsection (b)
2-6 [~~(a)~~] of this section. The excess authorized under this subsection
2-7 may not exceed the amount specified in the resolution.

2-8 (g) [~~(e)~~] In no case shall appropriations exceed revenues
2-9 as provided in Section 49a, Article III, [~~Section 49a~~] of this
2-10 constitution. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter,
2-11 amend, or repeal Section 49a, Article III, [~~Section 49a~~] of this
2-12 constitution.

2-13 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2-14 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
2-15 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
2-16 proposition: "The constitutional amendment concerning the
2-17 limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations."

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