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H.J.R. No. 73

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the
2 legislature to mandate requirements on a municipality or county.

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

4 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
5 adding Section 68 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 68. A law enacted by the legislature on or after
7 January 1, 2018, that requires a municipality or county to
8 establish, expand, or modify a duty or activity that requires the
9 expenditure of revenue by the municipality or county is not
10 effective unless the legislature appropriates or otherwise
11 provides, from a source other than the revenue of the municipality
12 or county, for the payment or reimbursement of the costs incurred
13 for the biennium by the municipality or county in complying with the
14 requirement.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to restrict the power
19 of the legislature from mandating unfunded requirements on a
20 municipality or county."