

1-1 By: Estes S.J.R. No. 51  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; May 3, 2017,  
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 3; May 3, 2017, 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 Birdwell	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. 51 By: Nichols

1-24 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-25 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
 1-26 to provide that the eligibility of open-space land for ad valorem  
 1-27 taxation on the basis of its productive capacity does not end  
 1-28 because an oil and gas lessee begins conducting oil and gas  
 1-29 operations on the land if the land otherwise continues to be devoted  
 1-30 to farm, ranch, or wildlife management purposes or timber  
 1-31 production.

1-32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-33 SECTION 1. Section 1-d-1(a), Article VIII, Texas  
 1-34 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

1-35 (a) To promote the preservation of open-space land, the  
 1-36 legislature shall provide by general law for taxation of open-space  
 1-37 land devoted to farm, ranch, or wildlife management purposes on the  
 1-38 basis of its productive capacity and may provide by general law for  
 1-39 taxation of open-space land devoted to timber production on the  
 1-40 basis of its productive capacity. The legislature by general law  
 1-41 may provide eligibility limitations under this section and may  
 1-42 impose sanctions in furtherance of the taxation policy of this  
 1-43 section. The legislature by general law may provide that the  
 1-44 eligibility of open-space land for taxation on the basis of its  
 1-45 productive capacity does not end because a lessee under an oil and  
 1-46 gas lease begins conducting oil and gas operations on the land if  
 1-47 the land otherwise continues to be devoted to a purpose described by  
 1-48 this subsection.

1-49 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
 1-50 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.  
 1-51 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
 1-52 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
 1-53 legislature to provide that the eligibility of open-space land for  
 1-54 ad valorem taxation on the basis of its productive capacity does not  
 1-55 end because an oil and gas lessee begins conducting oil and gas  
 1-56 operations on the land if the land otherwise continues to be devoted  
 1-57 to farm, ranch, or wildlife management purposes or timber  
 1-58 production."

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