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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand  
2 eligibility for the Medicaid program to certain persons.

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

4 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 74 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 74. The state shall provide medical assistance under  
7 the federal Medicaid program to all persons who apply for that  
8 assistance and for whom federal matching funds are available under  
9 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No.  
10 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation  
11 Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152) to the state to provide that  
12 assistance.

13 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
14 the Texas Constitution:

15 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies  
16 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 83rd Legislature,  
17 Regular Session, 2013, requiring the state to expand eligibility  
18 for the Medicaid program to all persons for whom federal matching  
19 funds are available under the federal Patient Protection and  
20 Affordable Care Act.

21 (b) Section 74, Article XVI, of this constitution takes  
22 effect January 1, 2014.

23 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2015.

24 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.  
2 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the state to  
4 expand eligibility for the Medicaid program to all persons for whom  
5 federal matching funds are available under the federal Patient  
6 Protection and Affordable Care Act."