

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, water district tax receipts may not be used for the development of parks and recreational facilities. Many counties do not have the necessary funds for the development of parks and recreational facilities. As proposed, S.J.R. 30 amends the Texas Constitution so that the development of parks and recreational facilities would be recognized as a constitutionally authorized power of water districts, and therefore eligible for tax-backed bond financing.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Adds development of parks and recreational facilities to the list of declared public rights and duties for which the legislature shall pass appropriate laws.

SECTION 2. Provides that the legislature intends by the amendment proposed by Section 1 of this resolution to expand the authority of conservation and reclamation districts with respect to parks and recreational facilities. Provides that the proposed amendment should not be construed as a limitation on the powers of a district as those powers exist immediately before the amendment takes place.

SECTION 3. Requires the proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003. Requires the ballot to be printed to permit voting for or against the specific proposition.