

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1  
2 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal  
3 for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to  
4 water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

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

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

8 (a) To promote the preservation of open-space land, the  
9 legislature shall provide by general law for taxation of open-space  
10 land devoted to farm, ranch, [~~or~~] wildlife management, or  
11 water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity  
12 and may provide by general law for taxation of open-space land  
13 devoted to timber production on the basis of its productive  
14 capacity. The legislature by general law may provide eligibility  
15 limitations under this section and may impose sanctions in  
16 furtherance of the taxation policy of this section.

17 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
18 the Texas Constitution:

19 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies  
20 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 82nd Legislature,  
21 Regular Session, 2011, providing for the appraisal for ad valorem  
22 tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship  
23 purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

24 (b) The amendment to Section 1-d-1(a), Article VIII, of this

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1 constitution takes effect January 1, 2012.

2 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2013.

3 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
4 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.  
5 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
6 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the  
7 appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to  
8 water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive  
9 capacity."

David Dewhurst  
President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 16 was adopted by the Senate  
on April 12, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsey Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 16 was adopted by the House  
on May 21, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, one  
present not voting.

Robert Nancy  
Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of State