RESOLUTIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—RURAL FIRE PREVENTION DISTRICTS

S. J. R. No. 6

Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the Legislature to provide for the creation and establishment of rural fire prevention districts.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be, and the same is, hereby amended by adding to said Article a new section, to be known and designated as Section 48-d, reading as follows:

"Sec. 48-d. The Legislature shall have the power to provide for the establishment and creation of rural fire prevention districts and to authorize a tax on the ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Three (3½) Cents on the One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars valuation for the support thereof; provided that no tax shall be levied in support of said districts until approved by vote of the people residing therein."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the state at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon (or in counties using voting machines, the said machines shall provide) the following:

"FOR The Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the creation and establishment of rural fire prevention districts;" and

"AGAINST The Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the creation and establishment of rural fire prevention districts."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment; and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the state not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

Passed the Senate, March 8, 1949: Yeas 27, Nays 0; May 16, 1949, Senate concurred in House amendments: Yeas 28, Nays 0; passed the House, May 12, 1949, with amendments: Yeas 110, Nays 4, 1 present not voting.

Approved May 24, 1949.

1 Amendment by H.J.R. No. 46 provides for submission at an election to be held on the second Tuesday in November, 1949. See page 1500.