Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to grant to a state finance management committee the power to manage the expenditure of certain appropriated funds.

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

Section 1. That Article IV of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Section 14a to read as follows:

Sec. 14a. (a) The legislature by general law, or by rider in a general appropriations act not inconsistent with general law, may authorize or direct the state finance management committee to manage the expenditure of appropriated funds, except funds constitutionally dedicated to a specific purpose, in the manner, to the extent, and subject to the conditions and limitations provided by the law or rider.

(b) The state finance management committee is composed of the governor, who serves as chairman, the lieutenant governor, who serves as vice-chairman, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairman of the senate committee having jurisdiction over appropriations, the chairman of the senate state affairs committee, the chairman of the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over appropriations and the chairman of the house of representatives ways and means committee.

Sec. 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 1981. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: “The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to grant to a state finance management committee the power to manage the expenditure of certain appropriated funds.”

Passed by the House on May 19, 1981: Yeas 118, Nays 21, 2 present, not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments to H. J. R. No. 38 on June 1, 1981, by the following vote: Yeas 121, Nays 21, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on June 1, 1981: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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