

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.J.R. 21
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

As proposed, S.J.R. 21 proposes a constitutional amendment relating to appropriations for the preservation and perpetuation of certain items of historical value, and allowing the legislature and state agencies to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase such items.

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. Amends Section 39, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as follows:

Sec. 39. Authorizes the legislature, from time to time, to make appropriations for preserving and perpetuating memorials of the history of Texas, by means of monuments, statues, paintings, films, videotapes, audiotapes, computer files or other electronic storage media, and documents of historical value. Authorizes the legislature or an agency of the state to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase items of historical value.

SECTION 2. Requires that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013. Sets forth the required language of the ballot.