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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa by repealing the natural resources and
3 outdoor recreation trust fund, and dedicating a portion of
4 state revenue from sales and use taxes imposed for the benefit
5 of property tax relief.
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 10 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa is repealed January 1 immediately following ratification and
5 the following adopted in lieu thereof:

6 Sec. 10. **Property tax relief.** A property tax relief trust
7 fund is created within the treasury for the purposes of replacing
8 revenue generated from the foundation property tax levy or any
9 other succeeding property tax levy imposed in lieu thereof that
10 provides funding for elementary and secondary education in each
11 school district in the state. Moneys in the fund shall be
12 exclusively appropriated by law to lower the foundation property
13 tax levy rate on an equal basis across school districts or
14 similarly lower any succeeding property tax levy rate. The
15 amount allocated annually from the trust fund shall be considered
16 property taxes and shall be treated as if received from the
17 foundation property tax levy or any succeeding property tax levy
18 and the foundation property tax levy or succeeding property tax
19 levy rate shall be reduced accordingly.

20 No revenue shall be credited to the fund until the tax rate
21 for the sales and use tax imposed upon the retail sales price
22 of tangible personal property, specified digital products, and
23 the furnishing of enumerated services sold or used in this state
24 in effect on the effective date of this section is increased.
25 After such an increased tax rate becomes effective, an amount
26 equal to the amount generated by the increase in the tax rate
27 shall be annually credited to the fund, not to exceed an amount
28 equal to the amount generated by a tax rate of three-eighths
29 of one percent imposed upon the retail sales price of tangible
30 personal property, specified digital products, and the furnishing
31 of enumerated services sold or used in this state.

32 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
33 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
34 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
35 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as

1 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that
2 election.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
7 Constitution of the State of Iowa by repealing the natural
8 resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and dedicating a
9 portion of state revenue from sales and use taxes for the benefit
10 of property tax relief.

11 The resolution creates a property tax relief trust fund
12 (fund) within the treasury for the purposes of replacing revenue
13 generated from the foundation property tax levy or succeeding
14 property tax levy imposed in lieu thereof that provides funding
15 for elementary and secondary education in each school district in
16 the state. Moneys in the fund shall be exclusively appropriated
17 by law to lower the foundation property tax levy rate on an equal
18 basis across school districts or similarly lower any succeeding
19 property tax levy rate. The amount allocated annually from
20 the trust fund shall be considered property taxes and shall be
21 treated as if received from the foundation property tax levy.

22 The funding mechanisms of the property tax relief trust fund
23 are similar to the natural resources outdoor recreation trust
24 fund.

25 No revenue shall be credited to the fund until the sales
26 and use tax rate imposed is increased upon the sales price of
27 tangible personal property, specified digital products, and the
28 furnishing of enumerated services sold or used in this state
29 in effect on the effective date of the resolution. After an
30 increased tax rate becomes effective, an amount equal to the
31 amount generated by the increase in the tax rate shall be
32 annually credited to the fund, not to exceed an amount equal
33 to the amount generated by a tax rate of three-eighths of one
34 percent imposed upon the retail sales price of tangible personal
35 property, specified digital products, and the furnishing of

1 enumerated services sold or used in this state.

2 The natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund
3 repealed by the resolution, is a fund established for the purpose
4 of protecting and enhancing water quality and natural areas
5 in this state including parks, trails, and fish and wildlife
6 habitat, and conserving agricultural soils in this state.

7 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
8 referred to the next general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before
9 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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