

State of Texas

County of Cameron

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

WHEREAS, through the passage of House Bill 9 (HB 9) and House Joint Resolution No. 125 in the 88th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature and as signed into law by the Governor of Texas, Texas voters will have the opportunity on November 7, 2023, to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas to create the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund (“Proposition No. 8”); and

WHEREAS, if Proposition No. 8 is adopted by the citizens of Texas, the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund would provide a special fund outside the State’s general revenue fund to expand high speed broadband access throughout the State of Texas and assist in the financing of connectivity projects; and

WHEREAS, the general public may not be aware that the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund also specifically includes \$150 million in dedicated funding in support of the statewide implementation of next generation 9-1-1 services, including deployment and related costs of equipment, operation, and administration; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of this issue may enhance voter knowledge regarding the intended public safety dimension and the dedicated funding in support of improvements to the existing 9-1-1 public safety system that will result from the creation of the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT (“District”) Board of Managers that:

The District strongly supports voter education efforts in relation to Proposition No. 8 in the upcoming November statewide constitutional amendment elections, and increased public awareness regarding the inclusion within the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund of dedicated funding to support the statewide implementation of next generation 9-1-1 services and the corresponding enhancements to the 9-1-1 public safety system in the State of Texas.

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The foregoing Resolution was read and adopted on the 20th day of September, 2023 by the following vote: unanimously

Signed the 20 day of September 2023.



Mario M. Prado Chairman, Board of Managers

ATTEST:



Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of Board of Managers



Proposition Number 8 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."