

RULE 6.8(A) REPORT
OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LAW AND PROCEDURE
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 444

May 16, 2017
Date

I. SUMMARY OF JOINT RESOLUTION

This report is for House Bill No. 444 of the 2017 Regular Session by Representative Seabaugh, proposing to add Article VII, Section 21(N) of the Constitution.

HB 444 establishes an ad valorem tax exemption for property subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement requiring the property owner to make payments in lieu of taxes.

II. CONCLUSION

The proposed measure cannot be accomplished statutorily.

HB 444 proposes to establish an ad valorem tax exemption for property subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement requiring the property owner to make payments in lieu of taxes. Any exemption from the existing constitutional requirement of the payment of ad valorem taxes would require a constitutional amendment.

III. OTHER PENDING MEASURES

Total joint resolutions introduced: 50

Total joint resolutions reported
by other standing committees: 10

SB 140 also proposes to add Const. Art. VII, §21(N) authorizing a party to a cooperative endeavor agreement to make payments, to the extent provided by the cooperative endeavor agreement, in lieu of ad valorem taxes. Although the purpose for both SB 140 and HB 444 appears to be the same, the proposed provisions in each bill are not drafted the same.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

With Amendments X

Without Amendments