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*Konnie Burton will update JCRW on her new venture at our October 22 Luncheon*

Konni Burton is Founder and CEO of *The Texan*, a statewide news outlet focused on the stories that matter most to Texans and their pocketbook. Previously, she was a grassroots activist who worked on numerous campaigns for local, state and federal races. Konni then went on to run for office and was elected in 2014 to serve Tarrant County's Senate District 10 in Austin.

You'll want to be sure to make your reservation to hear Konnie at our regular membership luncheon on **Tuesday, October 22** at the JCRP Headquarters, 210 S. Main in Cleburne. Networking will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the program starting at Noon. Cost is \$15 per person. Email your RSVP to President Tiffany Strother at [tiffany@strotherandstrotherlaw.com](mailto:tiffany@strotherandstrotherlaw.com) by October 18.

Konnie's experience as a grassroots activist, elected official, and taxpaying citizen provides a unique and valuable perspective on the political landscape in Texas.

She will discuss why quality, ad-free content without liberal bias and isn't hostile to the worldview of Texans is desperately needed in this state.

You'll learn the issue with media today, why she founded *The Texan* and why media without narrative is important. She'll also share stories her organization has covered that liberal news outlets haven't.

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# *Nominating Committee presents 2020-2021 slate of officers*

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Victory, presented the following slate of 2020-2021 officers at the September meeting. Members will vote on officers for 2020-2021 at the October meeting.



*Left to Right: Tiffany Strother, President; Whitney Clotfelter, First Vice President Programs; DeeAnn Strother, Second Vice President Campaigns; Teresa Percifield, Third Vice President Membership; Kathy McClure, Secretary and Christi Bradley, Treasurer.*



## **President's Corner**



### *Happy Fall Y'all . . .*

We are looking forward to a very busy fall season coming up so stay tuned for several events we will be having around the county.

It's also that time of year for us to begin our "Haunt or Help" campaign to raise money for our Polly Guthrie Scholarship. To avoid a haunting phone call from one of our members, just fill out the donation form found on the last page of this newsletter and mail it to P.O. Box 1194, Cleburne 76033 or leave your donation at the October 22 meeting. No donation is too small! Let's help our conservative Johnson County youth further their education.

*Tiffany Strother*

## *JCRW was well represented at TFRW Convention*



*Christi Bradley, Leanne Ivey, Teresa Percifield and Lisa Phillips represented us at the TFRW Convention. They are pictured with Debra Coffey, TFRW Patrons Chair, and Angela Orr of Hill County. They are also pictured with Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick.*

# Constitutional Amendments

Texans will go to the polls on November 5 to vote on 10 proposed amendments to the state's Constitution. Following are the amendments.

## **Proposition 1 (H.J.R. 72)**

The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** The constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 72 would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize a person to hold more than one office as an elected or appointed municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time.

## **Proposition 2 (S.J.R. 79)**

The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** The constitutional amendment proposed by S.J.R. 79 would add Section 49-d-14 to Article III, Texas Constitution, to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds for the economically distressed areas program account. The board would be authorized to issue the bonds in amounts such that the aggregate principal amount of the bonds outstanding at any time issued under the added section would not exceed \$200 million. The bonds would be used to provide financial assistance for the development of water supply and sewer service projects in economically distressed areas of the state.

## **Proposition 3 (H.J.R. 34)**

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** Section 2, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, provides for a number of exemptions from property (or "ad valorem") taxation. The constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 34 amends Section 2 by adding Subsection (e) to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision of a portion of the appraised value of property located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area following a disaster. If the governor first declares territory in the political subdivision to be a disaster area on or after the date the political subdivision adopts a tax rate for the tax year in which the declaration is issued, a person is entitled to the exemption for that tax year only if the exemption is adopted by the governing body of the political subdivision.

## **Proposition 4 (H.J.R. 38)**

The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** H.J.R. 38 would amend the Texas Constitution to prohibit the legislature from imposing a net income tax on individuals, including on an individual's share of partnership or unincorporated association income.

## **Proposition 5 (S.J.R. 24)**

The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** S.J.R. 24 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to automatically appropriate all state revenue attributable to state sales and use taxes imposed on sporting goods to the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission. The proposed amendment provides that the money is to be allocated between the agencies in the manner provided by general law and authorizes the legislature to impose limitations on the agencies' use of the money. The proposed amendment allows the legislature by a two-thirds vote to temporarily reduce by up to 50 percent the amount of the money appropriated to the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission

and provides that the money appropriated to the agencies may not be used by the comptroller of public accounts for purposes of certifying the biennial state budget.

**Proposition 6 (H.J.R. 12)**

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** Section 67, Article III, Texas Constitution, governs the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. The constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 12 would amend Section 67(c), Article III, Texas Constitution, to increase from \$3 billion to \$6 billion the maximum amount of general obligation bonds the legislature by general law may authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to provide for, issue, and sell on behalf of the institute.

**Proposition No. 7 (H.J.R. 151)**

The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** H.J.R. 151 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to extend the authority to distribute revenues derived from the permanent school fund land or properties to the State Board of Education. The General Land Office or another entity with responsibility for the management of revenues from the permanent school fund land or properties continues to have authority for the management of those revenues.

The proposed amendment clarifies that distributions made under Section 5(g), Article VII, Texas Constitution, are in addition to distributions authorized by any other provision of the Texas Constitution or statute and increases the limit that may be distributed to \$600 million by each entity each year.

**Proposition 8 (H.J.R. 4)**

The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** H.J.R. 4 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to create the flood infrastructure fund as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The resolution authorizes money in the fund, as provided by general law, to be administered and used, without further appropriation, by the Texas Water Development Board or that board's successor in function to provide financing for a drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control project, including planning and design activities, work to obtain regulatory approval to provide nonstructural and structural flood mitigation and drainage, or construction of structural flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure. The resolution authorizes separate accounts to be established in the fund as necessary to administer the fund or authorized projects.

**Proposition 9 (H.J.R. 95)**

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** H.J.R. 95 would allow the legislature by general law to exempt from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision precious metal held in a precious metal depository in the state. The resolution further authorizes the legislature by general law to define "precious metal" and "precious metal depository" for purposes of the exemption.

**Proposition 10 (S.J.R. 32)**

The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances.

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS:** The proposed amendment adds Section 521, Article III, Texas Constitution, allowing the legislature to authorize the transfer of a law enforcement animal without charge to a caretaker. Legislation authorized by the amendment would allow the simple transfer of a law enforcement animal, avoiding constitutional and statutory requirements that currently can make the transfer more burdensome.

**ELECTION DAY: November 5, 2019 ☆ EARLY VOTING: October 21 – November 1, 2019**

## Upcoming Precinct Meetings – Make Plans to Attend Your Meeting!

- 10/21/19 Pct 1, 14, 30, 33 - Godley Del Norte Tacos @ 7pm  
10/28/19 Pct 2, 3, 4, 5, 31, 32, 34 - Old Texas Brewery, Burleson @7pm  
11/13/19 Pct 9, 26, 27 – Don & Christina Wright’s house @ 6pm and will be a covered dish supper.  
(address and details to follow)  
11/14/19 Pct 7, 11, 35 - Burleson United Cooperative @ 7pm  
11/21/19 Pct 16, 17, 18, 19, 36 - The Railroaders Depot @ 7pm  
12/2/19 Pct 25, 24, 8 – Percifield’s Ranch/Alvarado  
12/5/19 Pct 20, 21, 22 - Keene TBD

RSVP to Teresa Percifield at [teresapercifield1@gmail.com](mailto:teresapercifield1@gmail.com)

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## Help The Polly Guthrie Scholarship or Receive a Haunting Phone Call

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\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to JCRW & indicate scholarship donation.

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