

State and Local

Proposals

Prop 4 would affect Permanent School Fund

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If Proposition 4 is approved by voters Nov. 5, the Texas school land board will be allowed to use proceeds from the sale of land in the Permanent School Fund to buy more land for the fund.

Currently, the revenues generated through the fund can be invested only in certain bonds and securities.

The proposition was sponsored in the Texas Legislature by Sen. Kent Caperton of Bryan and Rep. Charles Evans of Hurst.

The Permanent School Fund, unrelated to the Permanent University Fund, provides a perpet-

ual trust for the support of the state's public elementary and secondary schools. Leasing the grazing and mineral rights to land generates income for the fund.

Deputy Land Commissioner June Middlebrooks said Brazos County holds only 45 of the 1 million acres allotted to the fund by the state. She added that none of the Brazos County acreage will be affected by the proposed constitutional amendment because the land board will not sell any of the land used for minerals.

Most of the affected lands are in West Texas, Middlebrooks said.

Supporters of Proposition 4 say the measure will allow the state to sell small tracts of land

that are too small and scattered to benefit the state and use the funds to buy land in larger blocks which may be more profitable.

Opponents of the proposition argue that if more land is purchased for the Permanent School Fund, the fund will lose liquidity. Also, the land brought into the fund might not earn money for the fund.

The Texas General Land Office will administer the land sales and purchases.

The state's Sunset Board recommended the change. The board reviews legislation approximately every 12 years and makes suggestions to the Texas Legislature.

B-CS hospitals won't be affected by Prop 5

By MEG CADIGAN
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Proposition 5, a hospital district regulation, will not affect local hospitals because both St. Joseph and Humana hospitals are private institutions, a St. Joseph official said Wednesday.

Walter Godfrey, associate administrator at the hospital, said the proposed amendment will affect public hospitals only, and the closest public hospital to Bryan-College Station is located in Caldwell.

If Proposition 5 passes, the Texas Legislature will gain control of hospital districts.

A hospital district is a governmental unit which, through the approval of voters in the district, can create special taxes for building and operating expenses.

The constitution says the more-than-100 hospital districts in Texas, "must assume responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for their needy inhabitants."

Due to the very general lan-

guage of the constitution, there is no uniform plan for indigent health care.

If Proposition 5 is approved, the Legislature will be able to create a plan to establish health care in county and public hospitals for those who cannot afford it.

The Legislature will be able to decide what services a hospital district must provide and the qualifications a resident must have to receive the hospital's services.

Funding propositions key to fate of water bill

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ter expenditures. Environmentalists say the plan does not adequately protect bays and estuaries or guarantee instream uses.

Ford says, "When these opponents of any water resources program find themselves without adequate drinking water, or even water to bathe in, I think they'll forget about the environment as a whole."

House Bill 2 is a comprehensive water plan dealing with conservation, development, flood control and quality protection of the surface and underground water resources in Texas.

Proposition 1 would authorize the sale of \$980 million in state bonds to finance water projects (including dams and reservoirs, wastewater treatment plants, desalinization plants and flood management projects), establish a \$250 million insurance program for bonds issued by local governments and allow the Legislature to create special appropriations for water assistance programs.

Proposition 2 would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to sell up to \$200 million in agricultural water conservation bonds. These

bonds would fund low-interest loans to farmers buying more water-efficient irrigation equipment. The bonds may be sold only after approval by the Legislature and only for four years after passage of the amendment.

If both propositions are passed or if only Proposition 1 is approved, then the bill will take effect immediately. But if only Proposition 2 passes, then none of the provisions of House Bill 2 will take effect and the Legislature will have to pass enabling legislation for Proposition 2 at a later date.



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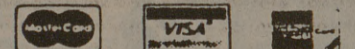
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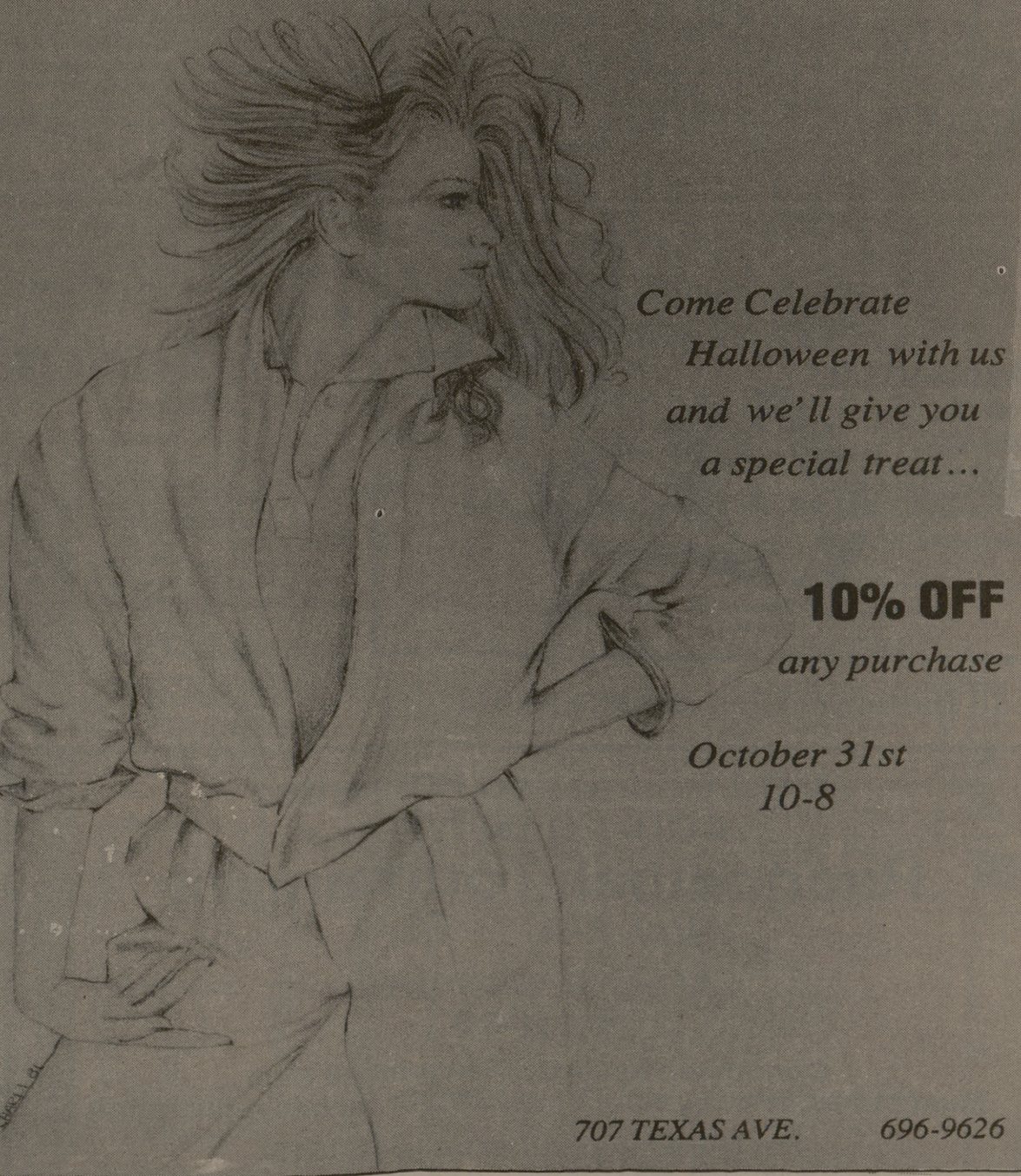
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