

Voters to consider military-based propositions

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Texas voters will be asked Saturday to approve a measure that supporters say could help the state's military installations survive a round of upcoming base closings.

Proposition 20 asks voters to approve a loan fund that base-dependent communities could tap to pay for development to make them look more attractive to the military.

"The military is Texas' biggest business," said state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso. "That is worth protecting."

Also on the ballot will be Proposition 1, which asks voters

to allow the state's Veterans Land Board to use assets from other programs to operate and maintain nursing homes for veterans and build new ones.

Shapleigh, who chairs the Senate's subcommittee on base realignment and closure, pegged the economic impact of the state's bases at \$49 billion per year.

If approved, Proposition 20 would allow the state to sell bonds to build a loan fund of up to \$250 million that cities and counties could use to finance public projects.

Michael Dalby, president of the chamber of commerce in San Angelo, home to Goodfellow Air Force Base, said the West Texas city could take out a loan to improve water and

sewer lines that serve Goodfellow or buy acreage for Air Force use.

"It could help us to have more land available for training and expanded operations," Dalby said.

Improvements would protect Goodfellow's existing missions and make it more attractive as a place to move assets from shuttered bases, he said.

Tom Rumora, director of Brooks City-Base in San Antonio praised Proposition 20's intentions.

"Any financial mechanism that supports military-base efficiency, conversion or redevelopment is a good thing to do," he said.

Rumora said having access to a loan fund could also help lure

a coveted, nonmilitary project, such as a national vaccine production center that San Antonio officials would love to have at Brooks, one of the Air Force's top medical research bases.

Opponents of Proposition 20 say there are no assurances that communities that borrow to pay for upgrades won't end up losing their bases anyway. In that scenario, they might have a depleted local economy and a big debt on their hands.

The Texas Military Preparedness Commission would oversee the loan program. Shapleigh said that potential borrowers would undergo bank-like scrutiny by the commission before any money changes hands.

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