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TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ENDORSE PROP 9
Proposes to provide TRS annuitants with a cost-of-living increase.

Austin, Texas – Today, HJR 2, which passed during the Texas Legislative session, was determined to be Proposition 9 on the November ballot. The Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) is proud to endorse Prop 9, which would provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for more than 400,000 retired educators receiving an annuity from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).

As a retiree-run organization, TRTA believes Prop 9 represents a great opportunity for Texans to show their support for the educators who served in public schools and taught the state's children.

"Texas retired teachers have not had a raise in 10 years. In fact, most Texas retired teachers and school employees have never had a raise," said Tim Lee, TRTA's Executive Director. "The need for this cost-of-living adjustment has been building and building as inflation has hurt seniors on fixed incomes the hardest. Because most Texas retired teachers do not get Social Security like other American seniors, this raise cannot come soon enough."

Critically, the Texas Legislature has already budgeted the money to fund this COLA. Voters won't be facing a tax increase by voting for Prop 9. During the legislative session, every single representative and senator voted for the passage of the bill to amend the constitution to provide retired educators with the COLA.

"Many of our TRTA members share stories about friends who cannot afford their bills, getting the medical care they need, losing their homes and moving in with families, and more. Texas is a great place to live and work and own a business in large part because we have a solid education system and teachers who care about their community. Now is the time to help them and let them know we have not forgotten their service to Texas by passing Proposition 9 and getting our Texas retired teachers their cost-of-living adjustment," Lee said.

It will be up to voters in November to pass Prop 9. The election will occur on November 7, and early voting runs October 23 through November 3. TRTA is asking retired educators, active educators, and general voters to vote FOR Prop 9.

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About Texas Retired Teachers Association: TRTA is the nation's largest organization of retired public-school employees. It advocates improved benefits for current and retired public education employees and seeks to advance the well-being of its members through community involvement and legislative advocacy efforts. To learn more visit TRTA.org.