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H.J.R. No. 65

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call
2 the legislature into special session on petition of at least
3 two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 8, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) The Governor shall by proclamation convene the
8 Legislature in special session on receipt of a petition requesting
9 the special session that is signed by at least two-thirds of the
10 members of each house of the Legislature. The petition must state
11 the date the Governor must convene the special session and the
12 specific purpose or purposes for which the session is convened. The
13 proclamation must provide for convening the Legislature on the date
14 stated in the petition and must authorize the Legislature to
15 consider the specific purpose or purposes stated in the petition.

16 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor
20 to call the legislature into special session on petition of at least
21 two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature."