

By: Paxton, Hall, Schwertner

S.J.R. No. 50

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature
2 to review and terminate an order issued by the governor during a
3 state of disaster or emergency declared by the governor.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 42 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42. (a) Notwithstanding Section 40 of this article,
8 the legislature may review and terminate during a regular or
9 special session an order issued by the governor during a state of
10 disaster or emergency declared by the governor. The legislature may
11 terminate the order by passage of a resolution approved by a
12 majority vote of the members present in each house of the
13 legislature.

14 (b) A vote under Subsection (a) of this section is not
15 subject to Section 15, Article IV, of this constitution.

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 to authorize the
20 legislature to review and terminate an order issued by the governor
21 during a state of disaster or emergency declared by the governor."