

By: Thompson of Harris

H.J.R. No. 11

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to enact laws providing for a court to terminate the sentence of a
3 person who has successfully served the required number of years on
4 parole.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 11(a), Article IV, Texas Constitution,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The Legislature shall by law establish a Board of
9 Pardons and Paroles and shall require it to keep record of its
10 actions and the reasons for its actions. The Legislature shall have
11 authority to enact parole laws, including laws authorizing a court
12 to terminate the sentence of a person who has successfully served
13 the specified number of years on parole required by law, and laws
14 that require or permit courts to inform juries about the effect of
15 good conduct time and eligibility for parole or mandatory
16 supervision on the period of incarceration served by a defendant
17 convicted of a criminal offense.

18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
22 legislature to enact laws providing for a court to terminate the
23 sentence of a person who has successfully served the required
24 number of years on parole."