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S.J.R. No. 59

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the time during
2 which the legislature may act on bills or resolutions during a
3 regular session.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5(b), Article III, Texas Constitution,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) When convened in regular session [~~Session~~], the
8 Legislature may introduce [~~first thirty days thereof shall be~~
9 ~~devoted to the introduction of~~] bills and resolutions and [~~, acting~~
10 ~~upon emergency appropriations, passing upon the confirmation of the~~
11 ~~recess appointees of the Governor and such emergency matters as may~~
12 ~~be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the~~
13 ~~Legislature. During the succeeding thirty days of the regular~~
14 ~~session of the Legislature the various committees of each House~~
15 ~~shall~~] hold hearings and act on [~~to consider all~~] bills and
16 resolutions [~~and other matters then pending, and such emergency~~
17 ~~matters as may be submitted by the Governor. During the remainder of~~
18 ~~the session the Legislature shall act upon such bills and~~
19 ~~resolutions as may be then pending~~] and on [~~upon such~~] emergency
20 matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to
21 the Legislature.

22 SECTION 2. Section 5(c), Article III, Texas Constitution,
23 is repealed.

24 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the time
4 during which the legislature may act on bills or resolutions during
5 a regular session."