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H.J.R. No. 89

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to
2 override a veto of the governor following a legislative session.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 14, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 14. (a) Every bill which shall have passed both houses
7 of the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for [~~his~~]
8 approval. If the Governor approves of the bill, the Governor [~~he~~
9 ~~approve he~~] shall sign it. If the Governor disapproves of the bill,
10 the Governor [~~, but if he disapprove it, he~~] shall return it, with
11 [~~his~~] objections, to the House in which it originated. The House to
12 which the bill is returned [~~, which House~~] shall enter the
13 objections at large upon its journal, and proceed to reconsider the
14 bill [~~it~~]. If after [~~such~~] reconsideration [~~7~~] two-thirds of the
15 members present agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, with the
16 objections, to the other House, by which likewise it shall be
17 reconsidered. If [~~, and, if~~] approved by two-thirds of the members
18 of that House, the bill [~~it~~] shall become a law. In [~~, but in~~] such
19 cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays,
20 and the names of the members voting for and against the bill shall
21 be entered on the journal of each House respectively.

22 (b) If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor with
23 [~~his~~] objections within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall
24 have been presented to the Governor [~~him~~], the same shall be a law,

1 in like manner as if [~~he had~~] signed by the Governor [~~it~~], unless
2 the Legislature, by its adjournment, prevent its return, in which
3 case it shall be a law, unless the Governor [~~he~~] shall file the bill
4 [~~same~~], with [~~his~~] objections, in the office of the Secretary of
5 State and give notice thereof by public proclamation within twenty
6 days after such adjournment.

7 (c) If any bill presented to the Governor contains several
8 items of appropriation, the Governor [~~he~~] may object to one or more
9 of such items, and approve the other portion of the bill. In such
10 case the Governor [~~he~~] shall append to the bill [~~Bill~~], at the time
11 of signing it, a statement of the items to which the Governor [~~he~~]
12 objects, and no item so objected to shall take effect. If the
13 Legislature be in session, the Governor [~~he~~] shall transmit to the
14 House in which the bill originated a copy of such statement and the
15 items objected to shall be separately considered. If, on
16 reconsideration, one or more of such items be approved by
17 two-thirds of the members present of each House, the same shall be
18 part of the law, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. If
19 any such bill, containing several items of appropriation, not
20 having been presented to the Governor ten days (Sundays excepted)
21 prior to adjournment, be in the hands of the Governor at the time of
22 adjournment, the Governor [~~he~~] shall have twenty days from such
23 adjournment within which to file objections to any items thereof in
24 the office of the Secretary of State and make proclamation of the
25 same, and such item or items shall not take effect.

26 (d) On the call of the presiding officers of both Houses of
27 the Legislature as provided by Subsection (e) of this section, the

1 Legislature shall convene to reconsider any bill disapproved by the
2 Governor under Subsection (a) of this section or any item of
3 appropriation in a bill to which the Governor objects under
4 Subsection (c) of this section if the bill or statement of objection
5 to the item of appropriation is:

6 (1) returned to the House in which the bill originated
7 on or after the third day before the date of adjournment of the
8 session at which the bill was passed; or

9 (2) filed in the office of the Secretary of State after
10 the adjournment of the session at which the bill was passed.

11 (e) Not later than the fifth day following the last day on
12 which the Governor is authorized to file a disapproval of a bill or
13 objection to an item of appropriation in the office of the Secretary
14 of State under this section after adjournment of the Legislature, a
15 member of either House in writing filed with the chief clerk or
16 secretary of that House may request the presiding officer of that
17 House to call the Legislature into session as provided by
18 Subsection (f) of this section to reconsider one or more bills or
19 items of appropriation described by Subsection (d) of this section.
20 If and only if a majority of the members of either House file
21 requests with the applicable chief clerk or secretary within that
22 period, the presiding officers of both Houses shall jointly call
23 the Legislature into session for purposes of Subsection (d).

24 (f) The period for reconsideration under Subsection (d) of
25 this section begins at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday following the
26 last day on which the Governor is authorized to file a disapproval
27 or objection in the office of the Secretary of State and may not

1 exceed three consecutive days. During this period, unless the
2 Legislature has been called into special session by the Governor,
3 the Legislature may not consider any subject other than the
4 reconsideration of bills or items of appropriation described by
5 Subsection (d) of this section. Reconsideration of a bill or item
6 of appropriation during this period is conducted in the manner
7 provided by Subsection (a) or (c) of this section, as applicable.

8 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
9 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
10 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
11 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow the
12 legislature to override a veto of the governor following a
13 legislative session."