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S.J.R. No. 68

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to clarify and implement
2 certain provisions governing the impeachment, trial, removal from
3 office, and disqualification of public officers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5, Article XV, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 5. (a) All officers against whom articles of
8 impeachment may be preferred shall be suspended from the exercise
9 of the duties of their offices ~~[office]~~, with ordinary pay, during
10 the pendency of such impeachment.

11 (b) The Governor may make a provisional appointment to fill
12 the vacancy~~[7]~~ occasioned by the suspension of an officer, other
13 than the Governor, until the decision on the impeachment.

14 (c) Section 16, Article IV, of this Constitution applies to
15 a vacancy occasioned by the suspension of the Governor on
16 impeachment or by the removal of the Governor from office.

17 SECTION 2. Section 7, Article XV, Texas Constitution, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 7. (a) The Legislature shall provide by law for the
20 trial and removal from office of all officers of this State, the
21 modes for which have not been provided in this Constitution.

22 (b) The Legislature may enact general laws, consistent with
23 this Constitution, to implement this Article or another provision
24 of this Constitution providing for the impeachment, trial, removal

1 from office, or disqualification of an officer of this State.

2 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
3 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
4 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
5 proposition: "The constitutional amendment clarifying and
6 implementing certain provisions governing the impeachment, trial,
7 removal from office, and disqualification of public officers."