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H.J.R. No. 20

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring certain complaints
2 and reports received by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to
3 be sworn.

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

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

7 (7) The Commission shall keep itself informed as fully
8 as may be of circumstances relating to the misconduct or disability
9 of particular persons holding an office named in Paragraph A of
10 Subsection (6) of this Section, receive sworn complaints or
11 reports, formal or informal, from any source in this behalf and make
12 such preliminary investigations as it may determine. Its orders
13 for the attendance or testimony of witnesses or for the production
14 of documents at any hearing or investigation shall be enforceable
15 by contempt proceedings in the District Court or by a Master.

16 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
17 the Texas Constitution:

18 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to
19 the constitutional amendment proposed by the 78th Legislature,
20 Regular Session, 2003, requiring certain complaints and reports
21 received by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to be sworn.

22 (b) The amendment takes effect January 1, 2004, and applies
23 only to a complaint or report received by the State Commission on
24 Judicial Conduct on or after the effective date of the amendment.

1 (c) This temporary provision takes effect on the adoption of
2 the amendment by the voters and expires January 2, 2005.

3 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
4 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
5 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
6 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring certain
7 complaints and reports received by the State Commission on Judicial
8 Conduct to be sworn."