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A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to a moratorium on
- 2 the execution of persons convicted of capital offenses.
- 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. Section 11, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is
- 5 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 6 (c) The Governor may issue an order prohibiting the Texas
- 7 Department of Criminal Justice from performing executions on and
- 8 after the effective date of the order and until the order is
- 9 revoked, either by the Governor issuing the order or by a successor
- 10 to the Governor issuing the order.
- 11 SECTION 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to
- 12 the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003. The ballot
- 13 shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition:
- 14 "The constitutional amendment authorizing a moratorium on the
- execution of persons convicted of capital offenses."