

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision  
3 without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify  
4 in an election for that office.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 13A to read as follows:

8 Sec. 13A. For an office of a political subdivision for which  
9 this constitution requires an election, the legislature may provide  
10 by general law for a person to assume the office without an election  
11 if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election to be  
12 held for that office.

13 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
14 submitted to the voters at an election to be held September 13,  
15 2003. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against  
16 the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
17 legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political  
18 subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate  
19 to qualify in an election for that office."

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 59 was passed by the House on May 1, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 59 on May 24, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 124, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

H.J.R. No. 59

I certify that H.J.R. No. 59 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Date

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Secretary of State