

1-1 By: Uresti (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.J.R. No. 59  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2003;  
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
1-8 to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision  
1-9 without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify  
1-10 in an election for that office.

1-11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
1-13 adding Section 13A to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 13A. For an office of a political subdivision for which  
1-15 this constitution requires an election, the legislature may provide  
1-16 by general law for a person to assume the office without an election  
1-17 if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election to be  
1-18 held for that office.

1-19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
1-20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
1-21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
1-22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
1-23 legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political  
1-24 subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate  
1-25 to qualify in an election for that office."

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