

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.J.R. No. 62  
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 take office without an election if the person  
1-9 is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.

1-10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
1-12 adding Section 13 to read as follows:

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

1-17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
1-18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
1-19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
1-20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
1-21 legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if  
1-22 the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that  
1-23 office."

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