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H.R. No. 2

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, That, in accordance with Section 9(b), Article III, Texas
3 Constitution, the House of Representatives of the 78th Legislature
4 shall elect a speaker of the house from its own membership as
5 follows:

6 SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS. (a) The secretary of state shall
7 call for nominations from the floor for the election of speaker of
8 the house of representatives and shall recognize every member who
9 desires to make a nomination.

10 (b) Each member recognized for this purpose shall
11 immediately advance to the front microphone and make the nomination
12 in a nominating speech not to exceed five minutes in length.

13 (c) After all nominations have been made, the secretary of
14 state shall declare nominations to be closed.

15 SECTION 2. SECONDS. (a) A person is not considered a
16 nominee unless the nomination is seconded by at least one member.

17 (b) One seconding speech shall be allowed for each
18 nomination in the order in which nominations were made, then other
19 seconding speeches shall be allowed in rotation in the same order.

20 (c) No more than five seconding speeches shall be allowed
21 for each nominee.

22 (d) A seconding speech may not exceed three minutes in
23 length.

24 SECTION 3. VOTING. All votes taken shall be record votes

1 entered in the House Journal.

2 SECTION 4. RESULTS; RUNOFF. (a) The secretary of state
3 shall announce the results of the election. If a nominee has
4 received a majority of the votes cast, the secretary of state shall
5 declare that nominee to be elected to the office of speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) If no nominee has received a majority of the votes cast,
8 the two nominees receiving the largest number of votes in the first
9 ballot shall be in a runoff election conducted in accordance with
10 the voting procedures for the first ballot. The secretary of state
11 shall announce the results of the runoff election and declare the
12 nominee receiving the higher vote to be elected.

13 SECTION 5. OATH. After the election, the secretary of
14 state shall direct the administration of the oath of office to the
15 speaker-elect. The speaker shall take the chair immediately after
16 taking the oath of office.