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S.J.R. No. 54

1 JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment to include a constitutional  
3 county court judge on the membership of the State Commission on  
4 Judicial Conduct.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (2), Section 1-a, Article V, Texas  
7 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

8 (2) The State Commission on Judicial Conduct consists of  
9 twelve (12) [~~eleven (11)~~] members, to wit: (i) one (1) Justice of a  
10 Court of Appeals; (ii) one (1) District Judge; (iii) two (2) members  
11 of the State Bar, who have respectively practiced as such for over  
12 ten (10) consecutive years next preceding their selection; (iiii)  
13 four (4) citizens, at least thirty (30) years of age, not licensed  
14 to practice law nor holding any salaried public office or  
15 employment; (v) one (1) Justice of the Peace; (vi) one (1) Judge of  
16 a Municipal Court; [~~and~~] (vii) one (1) Judge of a County Court at  
17 Law; and (viii) one (1) Judge of a Constitutional County Court;  
18 provided that no person shall be or remain a member of the  
19 Commission, who does not maintain physical residence within this  
20 State, or who resides in, or holds a judgeship within or for, the  
21 same Supreme Judicial District as another member of the Commission,  
22 or who shall have ceased to retain the qualifications above  
23 specified for his respective class of membership, except that the  
24 Justice of the Peace and the Judges of a Municipal Court and or a

1 County Court at Law shall be selected at large without regard to  
2 whether they reside or hold a judgeship in the same Supreme Judicial  
3 District as another member of the Commission. Commissioners of  
4 classes (i), (ii), [~~and~~] (vii), and (viii) above shall be chosen by  
5 the Supreme Court with advice and consent of the Senate, those of  
6 class (iii) by the Board of Directors of the State Bar under  
7 regulations to be prescribed by the Supreme Court with advice and  
8 consent of the Senate, those of class (iiii) by appointment of the  
9 Governor with advice and consent of the Senate, and the  
10 commissioners of classes (v) and (vi) by appointment of the Supreme  
11 Court as provided by law, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

12 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
13 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
14 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
15 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to include a  
16 constitutional county judge on the membership of the State  
17 Commission on Judicial Conduct."