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H.J.R. No. 18

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the creation of a
2 judicial compensation commission.

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

4 SECTION 1. Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by
5 adding Section 32 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 32. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
7 constitution, the Legislature may by law create a judicial
8 compensation commission to make recommendations for judicial
9 salaries that become law if neither the Senate nor the House of
10 Representatives, by majority vote, rejects the recommendations.

11 (b) Subsection (a) of this section applies only to salaries
12 for justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal
13 Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts.

14 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
16 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
18 legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."