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H.J.R. No. 39

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to require the house of
2 representatives to take a record vote on approval of a bill or
3 joint resolution.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 12, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 12. (a) Each house of the legislature [~~House~~] shall
8 keep a journal of its proceedings, and publish the same.

9 (b) A vote taken by the house of representatives must be by
10 record vote with the yeas and nays entered in the journal of the
11 house if the vote is on approval of a bill or a measure proposing or
12 ratifying a constitutional amendment, including approval on second
13 or third reading, by concurrence in senate amendments, or by
14 adoption of a conference committee report.

15 (c) In addition to the requirements applicable to the house
16 of representatives under Subsection (b) of this section, [~~and~~] the
17 yeas and nays of the members of either house [~~House~~] on any question
18 shall, at the desire of any three members present, be entered on the
19 journals.

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record
24 vote be taken by the Texas House of Representatives on approval of

1 any bill or constitutional amendment."