

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial.

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

SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 11b to read as follows:

Sec. 11b. VIOLATION OF CONDITION OF RELEASE PENDING TRIAL; DENIAL OF BAIL. Any person accused of a felony in this state who is released on bail pending trial and whose bail is subsequently revoked or forfeited for a violation of a condition of release may be denied bail pending trial on a determination by a district judge in this state, at a subsequent hearing to set or reinstate bail, that the person violated a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 8, 2005. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

S.J.R. No. 17

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 17 was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 17 was adopted by the House on May 9, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House