1-1   By: Staples   S.J.R. No. 17
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed February 18, 2005; March 1, 2005,
1-3   read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4   March 30, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,
1-5   Nays 0; March 30, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7   proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail
1-8   to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's
1-9   release pending trial.
1-10   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11   SECTION 1.   Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-12   adding Section 11b to read as follows:
1-13   Sec. 11b.   VIOLATION OF CONDITION OF RELEASE PENDING TRIAL;
1-14   DENIAL OF BAIL. Any person accused of a felony in this state who is
1-15   released on bail pending trial and whose bail is subsequently
1-16   revoked or forfeited for a violation of a condition of release may
1-17   be denied bail pending trial on a determination by a district judge
1-18   in this state, at a subsequent hearing to set or reinstate bail,
1-19   that the person violated a condition of release.
1-20   SECTION 2.   This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-21   submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 8,
1-22   2005.   The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or
1-23   against   the   proposition: "The   constitutional   amendment
1-24   authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates
1-25   a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

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