1-1   By: West   S.J.R. No. 20
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2005; March 2, 2005,
1-3   read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4   April 29, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5   Nays 0; April 29, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7   proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to
1-8   grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of
1-9   deferred adjudication community supervision.
1-10   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11   SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 11, Article IV, Texas
1-12   Constitution, is amended to read as follows:
1-13   (b) In all criminal cases, except treason and impeachment,
1-14   the Governor shall have power, after conviction or successful
1-15   completion of a term of deferred adjudication community
1-16   supervision, on the written signed recommendation and advice of the
1-17   Board of Pardons and Paroles, or a majority thereof, to grant
1-18   reprieves and commutations of punishment and pardons; and under
1-19   such rules as the Legislature may prescribe, and upon the written
1-20   recommendation and advice of a majority of the Board of Pardons and
1-21   Paroles, he shall have the power to remit fines and forfeitures.
1-22   The Governor shall have the power to grant one reprieve in any
1-23   capital case for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; and he
1-24   shall have power to revoke conditional pardons. With the advice and
1-25   consent of the Legislature, he may grant reprieves, commutations of
1-26   punishment and pardons in cases of treason.
1-27   SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-28   submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
1-29   The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-30   proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
1-31   governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a
1-32   term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

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