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H.B. No. 108

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring a record vote by each house of the legislature  
3 on bills, proposed constitutional amendments, and other measures  
4 and actions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 301.035 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 301.035. REQUIRED RECORD VOTE ON BILLS AND OTHER  
9 MEASURES AND ACTIONS. (a) A vote taken by a house of the  
10 legislature must be by record vote if the vote is on:

11 (1) approval of a bill;

12 (2) approval of a joint resolution proposing or  
13 ratifying a constitutional amendment;

14 (3) approval of any other resolution, other than a  
15 resolution of a purely ceremonial or honorary nature such as a  
16 congratulatory or memorial resolution;

17 (4) the appointment or election of a legislative  
18 officer or other public official; or

19 (5) the confirmation of an appointment or nomination  
20 to public office.

21 (b) How each member voted on a matter described by  
22 Subsection (a) shall be recorded in the journal of the appropriate  
23 house.

24 (c) For purposes of this section, a vote to approve a bill or

1 resolution includes a vote to:

2 (1) approve the measure on second or third reading;

3 (2) approve the measure as amended by the other house;

4 or

5 (3) adopt a conference committee report on the  
6 measure.

7 (d) In enacting this section, each house of the legislature  
8 is exercising its constitutional authority to determine the rules  
9 of its own proceedings. In each house, this section has the effect  
10 of, and is enforceable in the same manner as, a rule adopted by  
11 resolution.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.