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H.J.R. No. 20

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the determination
2 of a quorum of the senate or house of representatives.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 10, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 10. Two-thirds of the members of each House of the
7 Legislature, excluding members whom the presiding officer
8 determines are absent from the state, shall constitute a quorum to
9 do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and
10 compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under
11 such penalties as each House may provide.

12 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
13 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
14 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
15 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to exclude a senator or
16 representative who is absent from this state from the determination
17 of a quorum needed for a house of the legislature to do business."