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H.J.R. No. 62

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment allowing bills and
2 resolutions to be introduced at any time during a regular session of
3 the legislature.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5(b), Article III, Texas Constitution,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) When convened in regular Session, the first thirty days
8 thereof shall be devoted to [~~the introduction of bills and~~
9 ~~resolutions,~~] acting upon emergency appropriations, passing upon
10 the confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor, and
11 acting upon such emergency matters as may be submitted by the
12 Governor in special messages to the Legislature. During the
13 succeeding thirty days of the regular session of the Legislature
14 the various committees of each House shall hold hearings to
15 consider all bills and resolutions and other matters then pending;
16 and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor.
17 During the remainder of the session the Legislature shall act upon
18 [~~such~~] bills and resolutions [~~as may be then pending~~] and upon such
19 emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special
20 messages to the Legislature. Bills and resolutions may be
21 introduced at any time during the regular session and neither House
22 may adopt a rule or take action under Subsection (c) of this section
23 in a manner that imposes a deadline for the filing of bills or
24 resolutions during the regular session. This subsection does not

1 affect the authority of a House to permit the prefiling of bills or
2 resolutions before the Legislature convenes in regular session.

3 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
4 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
5 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
6 proposition: "The constitutional amendment allowing bills and
7 resolutions to be introduced at any time during a regular session of
8 the legislature."