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H.J.R. No. 64

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the election of
2 district judges from election subdistricts.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 7, Article V, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 7. The State shall be divided into judicial districts,
7 with each district having one or more Judges as may be provided by
8 law or by this Constitution. The judicial districts may be divided
9 into election subdistricts. Each district judge shall be elected
10 by the qualified voters of the district or, if the district is
11 divided into election subdistricts, of those subdistricts, at a
12 General Election. Each district judge [~~and~~] shall be a citizen of
13 the United States and of this State, who is licensed to practice law
14 in this State and has been a practicing lawyer or a Judge of a Court
15 in this State, or both combined, for four (4) years next preceding
16 the judge's [~~his~~] election, who has resided in the district in which
17 the judge [~~he~~] was elected for two (2) years next preceding the
18 judge's [~~his~~] election, and who shall reside in the [~~his~~] district
19 during the judge's [~~his~~] term of office and hold the [~~his~~] office
20 for the period of four (4) years, and who shall receive for the
21 judge's [~~his~~] services an annual salary to be fixed by the
22 Legislature. The Court shall conduct its proceedings at the county
23 seat of the county in which the case is pending, except as otherwise
24 provided by law. A district judge [~~He~~] shall hold the regular terms

1 of the judge's [~~his~~] Court at the County Seat of each County in the
2 judge's [~~his~~] district in such manner as may be prescribed by law.
3 The Legislature shall have power by General or Special Laws to make
4 such provisions concerning the terms or sessions of each Court as it
5 may deem necessary.

6 The Legislature shall also provide for the holding of
7 District Court when the Judge thereof is absent, or is from any
8 cause disabled or disqualified from presiding.

9 SECTION 2. Section 7a(i), Article V, Texas Constitution, is
10 repealed.

11 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
12 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
13 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
14 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
15 creation of election subdistricts from which district judges may be
16 elected."