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H.J.R. No. 76

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the forfeiture of
2 rights and interests of certain heirs, devisees, and legatees.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 21, Article I, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 21. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
7 section, no ~~[No]~~ conviction shall work corruption of blood, or
8 forfeiture of estate, and the estates of those who destroy their own
9 lives shall descend or vest as in case of natural death.

10 (b) The legislature may provide by law for forfeiture of a
11 right to or interest in a decedent's estate on conviction of a
12 devisee, legatee, or heir for the murder or capital murder of the
13 decedent.

14 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
16 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
18 legislature to prohibit a murderer from inheriting from the
19 murdered person's estate."