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H.J.R. No. 77

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to require each house of the
2 legislature to take a record vote on final passage of a bill or
3 proposed constitutional amendment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 12, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 12. (a) Each house of the legislature [~~House~~] shall
8 keep a journal of its proceedings, and publish the same.

9 (b) A vote taken by either house must be by record vote with
10 the vote of each member entered in the journal of that house if the
11 vote is on final passage of a bill or of a measure proposing an
12 amendment to this constitution; and the yeas and nays of the members
13 of either house [~~House~~] on any other question shall, at the desire
14 of any three members present, be entered on the journals. For
15 purposes of this subsection, a vote on final passage includes a vote
16 on third reading in a house or on second reading if the house
17 suspends the requirement for three readings, on whether to concur
18 in the other house's amendments, and on whether to adopt a
19 conference committee report.

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require that a
24 record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage

1 of any bill or proposed constitutional amendment."