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H.J.R. No. 105

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the manner in  
2 which the lieutenant governor's compensation and reimbursement for  
3 expenses are determined.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 17(b), Article IV, Texas Constitution,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (b)(1) The Lieutenant Governor shall, while acting as  
8 President of the Senate, receive for his or her services an annual  
9 salary in an amount equal to the average of the annual salaries of  
10 the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General  
11 Land Office, and the Attorney General, and be entitled to the same  
12 reimbursement for expenses as those officers.

13 (2) During [the same compensation and mileage which  
14 shall be allowed to the members of the Senate, and no more unless  
15 the Texas Ethics Commission recommends and the voters approve a  
16 higher salary, in which case the salary is that amount, and during]  
17 the time the Lieutenant Governor exercises the powers and authority  
18 appertaining to the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor  
19 shall receive in like manner the same compensation which the  
20 Governor would have received had the Governor been employed in the  
21 duties of that office, and no more.

22 (3) An increase in the emoluments of the office of  
23 Lieutenant Governor does not make a member of the Legislature  
24 ineligible to serve in the office of Lieutenant Governor.

1           SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
2 the Texas Constitution:

3           TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to  
4 the constitutional amendment proposed by the 80th Legislature,  
5 Regular Session, 2007, relating to the manner in which the  
6 lieutenant governor's compensation and reimbursement for expenses  
7 are determined.

8           (b) The amendment takes effect January 1, 2011.

9           (c) This temporary provision expires January 2, 2011.

10          SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.  
12 The ballots shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
13 proposition:       "The constitutional amendment setting the  
14 compensation of the lieutenant governor at an amount equal to the  
15 average annual salary of the comptroller, the commissioner of the  
16 general land office, and the attorney general, and providing that  
17 the lieutenant governor is entitled to the same reimbursement for  
18 expenses as those officers."