

1-1 By: Duncan S.J.R. No. 3
1-2 (In the Senate-Filed February 21, 2007; February 28, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 7, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 7, 2007,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 3 By: Duncan

1-8 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-9 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds record
1-10 vote of the membership of each house to enact a law granting the
1-11 power of eminent domain.

1-12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-14 adding Section 67 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 67. (a) A law enacted after January 1, 2007, granting
1-16 the power of eminent domain may not take effect unless approved by a
1-17 two-thirds vote of the membership of each house, with the yeas and
1-18 nays recorded in the journal of the appropriate house.

1-19 (b) A law to which this section applies enacted before the
1-20 effective date of this section that is not approved in the manner
1-21 required by Subsection (a) of this section is invalidated on the
1-22 date this section takes effect.

1-23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
1-25 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
1-26 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds
1-27 record vote of the membership of each house to enact a law after
1-28 January 1, 2007, granting the power of eminent domain."

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