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S.J.R. No. 41

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to establish a commission on  
2 state government spending to address waste, fraud, and abuse in  
3 state agency operations.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 31a to read as follows:

7 Sec. 31a. The legislature by general law may:

8 (1) create a commission of members appointed by the  
9 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of  
10 representatives to audit and study state agencies and institutions  
11 in the executive department of state government and recommend ways  
12 to reduce or eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in state government  
13 operations; and

14 (2) notwithstanding Section 11 or 31 of this article,  
15 require future legislatures to accept or reject, but not amend, a  
16 list of substantive recommendations presented to the legislature by  
17 the commission.

18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.  
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to establish a  
22 commission on state government spending to study and recommend ways  
23 to reduce or eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in state agency  
24 operations."