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H.J.R. No. 33

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the house of  
2 representatives to provide for the removal of the speaker.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 9(b), Article III, Texas Constitution,  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (b) The House of Representatives shall, when it first  
7 assembles, organize temporarily, and thereupon proceed to the  
8 election of a Speaker from its own members. The House of  
9 Representatives by rule may provide for the removal of the Speaker  
10 by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the House.

11 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
12 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
13 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
14 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the house  
15 of representatives to provide for the removal of the speaker by a  
16 vote of two-thirds of the members of the house."