

1-1 By: West S.J.R. No. 11  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2008; March 13, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 March 26, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to  
1-8 grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of  
1-9 deferred adjudication community supervision.

1-10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 11, Article IV, Texas  
1-12 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) In all criminal cases, except treason and impeachment,  
1-14 the Governor shall have power, after conviction or successful  
1-15 completion of a term of deferred adjudication community  
1-16 supervision, on the written signed recommendation and advice of the  
1-17 Board of Pardons and Paroles, or a majority thereof, to grant  
1-18 reprieves and commutations of punishment and pardons; and under  
1-19 such rules as the Legislature may prescribe, and upon the written  
1-20 recommendation and advice of a majority of the Board of Pardons and  
1-21 Paroles, he shall have the power to remit fines and forfeitures.  
1-22 The Governor shall have the power to grant one reprieve in any  
1-23 capital case for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; and he  
1-24 shall have power to revoke conditional pardons. With the advice and  
1-25 consent of the Legislature, he may grant reprieves, commutations of  
1-26 punishment and pardons in cases of treason.

1-27 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
1-28 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
1-29 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
1-30 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
1-31 governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a  
1-32 term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

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