By: Branch H.J.R. No. 13

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the election and
- 2 staggering of terms of county commissioners following a change in
- 3 boundaries of a commissioners precinct.
- 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 18(d), Article V, Texas Constitution, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (d) <u>Each commissioners precinct shall elect a commissioner</u>
- 8 at the first general election that follows the adoption of a change
- 9  $\underline{in}$  [When] the boundaries of  $\underline{two}$  or  $\underline{more}$  commissioners precincts
- 10 located in the county. The commissioners elected after a change in
- 11 boundaries shall determine by lot which two of them will serve a
- 12 term of two years and which two of them will serve a term of four
- 13 years, so that one-half of the commissioners shall be elected every
- 14 two years thereafter [are changed, each commissioner in office on
- 15 the effective date of the change, or elected to a term of office
- 16 beginning on or after the effective date of the change, shall serve
- 17 in the precinct to which each was elected or appointed for the
- 18 entire term to which each was elected or appointed, even though the
- 19 change in boundaries places the person's residence outside the
- 20 precinct for which he was elected or appointed].
- 21 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 22 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.
- 23 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
- 24 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the

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