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H.J.R. No. 129

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a state senator or
2 state representative to forfeit office on the final conviction of a
3 felony.

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 11-a to read as follows:

7 Sec. 11-a. If any Senator or Representative is finally
8 convicted of a felony under the law of this state, another state, or
9 the United States, the Senator or Representative shall immediately
10 forfeit the Senator's or Representative's office, and the vacancy
11 shall be filled as provided by Section 13 of this article. A person
12 who forfeits office under this section may not continue to perform
13 the duties of the office under Section 17, Article XVI, of this
14 constitution.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring a state
19 senator or state representative to immediately forfeit legislative
20 office on final conviction of a felony."