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H.J.R. No. 135

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 135:

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C.S.H.J.R. No. 135

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to an individual's or
2 a religious organization's freedom of religion.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 6, Article I, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 6. (a) All men have a natural and infeasible right
7 to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own
8 consciences. No man shall be compelled to attend, erect or support
9 any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry against his
10 consent. No human authority ought, in any case whatever, to control
11 or interfere with the rights of conscience in matters of religion,
12 and no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious
13 society or mode of worship.

14 (b) Government may not, directly, indirectly, or
15 incidentally, substantially burden an individual's or a religious
16 organization's conduct that is based on a sincerely held religious
17 belief, unless the government is:

18 (1) acting to further a compelling governmental
19 interest; and

20 (2) using the least restrictive available means to do
21 so.

22 (c) But it shall be the duty of the Legislature to pass such
23 laws as may be necessary to protect equally every religious
24 denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public

1 worship.

2 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
3 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.
4 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
5 proposition: "The constitutional amendment relating to an
6 individual's or a religious organization's freedom of religion."