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S.J.R. No. 47

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment revising the order of
2 legislative business to permit either house to act on bills and
3 resolutions after the first 15 days of a regular session.

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

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

7 (b) When convened in regular session [~~Session~~], the first 15
8 [~~thirty~~] days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of bills
9 and resolutions, acting upon emergency appropriations, passing
10 upon the confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and
11 such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in
12 special messages to the Legislature. During the remainder
13 [~~succeeding thirty days~~] of the regular session, of the [~~of the~~
14 ~~Legislature~~] the various committees of each House shall hold
15 hearings to consider all bills, and [~~and~~] resolutions, and other
16 matters then pending[+] and such emergency matters as may be
17 submitted by the Governor, and [~~. During the remainder of the~~
18 ~~session~~] the Legislature shall act upon such bills and resolutions
19 as may be then pending and upon such emergency matters as may be
20 submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature.

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 permit voting for or against the
24 proposition: "The constitutional amendment revising the order of

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2 resolutions after the first 15 days of a regular session."