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S.J.R. No. 48

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment revising the order of
2 legislative business to permit legislative committees to consider
3 matters during the first 60 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 60
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 that period, [~~the~~
13 ~~succeeding thirty days of the regular session of the Legislature~~]
14 the various committees of each House may [~~shall~~] hold hearings to
15 consider all bills, and resolutions, and other matters then
16 pending[+] and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the
17 Governor. During the remainder of the session, the Legislature
18 shall act upon such bills and resolutions as may be then pending and
19 upon such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in
20 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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