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S.J.R. No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to
2 grant one or more reprieves in a capital case.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 11(b), Article IV, Texas Constitution,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (b) In all criminal cases, except treason and impeachment,
7 the Governor shall have power, after conviction or successful
8 completion of a term of deferred adjudication community
9 supervision, on the written signed recommendation and advice of the
10 Board of Pardons and Paroles, or a majority thereof, to grant
11 reprieves and commutations of punishment and pardons; and under
12 such rules as the Legislature may prescribe, and upon the written
13 recommendation and advice of a majority of the Board of Pardons and
14 Paroles, he shall have the power to remit fines and forfeitures.
15 The Governor shall have the power to grant one or more reprieves
16 [~~reprieve~~] in any capital case for a period not to exceed thirty
17 (30) days for each reprieve; and he shall have power to revoke
18 conditional pardons. With the advice and consent of the
19 Legislature, he may grant reprieves, commutations of punishment and
20 pardons in cases of treason.

21 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
22 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.
23 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
24 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the

1 governor to grant one or more reprieves in a capital case."