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H.J.R. No. 32

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a court of this
2 state to uphold and apply certain laws, including the doctrine
3 requiring courts to refrain from involvement in religious doctrinal
4 interpretation or application.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 32 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 32. A court of this state shall uphold and apply the
9 laws of the Constitution of the United States, this Constitution,
10 federal laws, and the laws of this state, including the doctrine
11 grounded in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution
12 and known as the church autonomy doctrine, which in part requires
13 courts to refrain from involvement in religious doctrinal
14 interpretation or application.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring a court of
19 this state to uphold and apply certain laws, including the doctrine
20 grounded in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution
21 requiring courts to refrain from involvement in religious doctrinal
22 interpretation or application."