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

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

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

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

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