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H.J.R. No. 62

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the recording of  
2 certain proceedings of the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of  
3 Criminal Appeals and the publication of the recordings.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 1-b to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1-b. The Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal  
8 Appeals shall make a video recording or other electronic visual and  
9 audio recording of each oral argument, proceeding, and open meeting  
10 of the court and post the recording on the court's Internet website.

11 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
12 the Texas Constitution:

13 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies  
14 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 84th Legislature,  
15 Regular Session, 2015, requiring the recording of certain  
16 proceedings of the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal  
17 Appeals and the publication of the recordings.

18 (b) Section 1-b, Article V, of this constitution takes  
19 effect January 1, 2016, and applies only to a proceeding commenced  
20 on or after that date.

21 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2017.

22 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.  
24 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the

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2 recording of certain proceedings of the Texas Supreme Court and the  
3 Court of Criminal Appeals and the publication of the recordings."