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S.J.R. No. 59

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to nullify an order, rule, policy, or similar measure adopted by the
3 executive branch of the federal government that exceeds the
4 authority granted by the United States Constitution.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 68 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 68. The legislature without the approval of the
9 governor may nullify an executive order, agency rule or policy, or
10 similar measure adopted by an official or entity within the
11 executive branch of the federal government, if the legislature by a
12 vote of two-thirds of the membership of each house determines that
13 the order, rule, policy, or measure exceeds the authority granted
14 to the executive branch by the United States Constitution. An
15 order, rule, policy, or measure nullified by the legislature has no
16 legal effect in this state and may not be enforced or recognized as
17 having legal effect by this state or a political subdivision of this
18 state.

19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
23 legislature to nullify an order, rule, policy, or similar measure
24 adopted by an official or entity within the executive branch of the

1 federal government that exceeds the authority granted to that
2 branch by the United States Constitution."