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H.J.R. No. 20

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the governor from  
2 appointing certain prosecuting attorneys to fill a vacancy of a  
3 district judge.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28, Article V, Texas Constitution, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) To fill a vacancy in the office of a District Judge,  
8 the Governor may not appoint a person who within the two years  
9 immediately preceding the date of appointment prosecuted any  
10 criminal case in a district court as a District Attorney, Criminal  
11 District Attorney, County Attorney, or assistant District  
12 Attorney, Criminal District Attorney, or County Attorney.

13 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
14 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.  
15 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
16 proposition: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the  
17 governor from appointing certain prosecuting attorneys to fill a  
18 vacancy of a district judge."