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H.J.R. No. 29

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the governor's
2 appointments to state boards, commissions, or other governing
3 bodies of state agencies to reflect the gender composition of this
4 state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article IV, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 12A to read as follows:

8 Sec. 12A. In making any appointment to a state board,
9 commission, or other governing body of a state agency, the Governor
10 shall, to the extent possible, ensure that the gender composition
11 of the board, commission, or governing body reflects the gender
12 composition of this state.

13 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
14 the Texas Constitution:

15 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to
16 the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature,
17 Regular Session, 2017, requiring the governor's appointments to
18 state boards, commissions, or other governing bodies of state
19 agencies to reflect the gender composition of this state.

20 (b) The adoption of the amendment does not affect the
21 entitlement of a member serving on a state board, commission, or
22 other governing body of a state agency to continue to carry out the
23 functions of the board, commission, or governing body for the
24 remainder of the member's term. Except as otherwise provided by

1 this subsection, as the terms of the members of the board,
2 commission, or governing body expire or as a vacancy occurs, the
3 governor shall appoint members to the board, commission, or
4 governing body to achieve, as soon as possible, the gender
5 composition prescribed for the board, commission, or governing body
6 by this amendment. This subsection does not prohibit a person who is
7 a member of a state board, commission, or other governing body of a
8 state agency from being reappointed to the board, commission, or
9 governing body as provided by law notwithstanding the effect of
10 that person's reappointment on the gender composition of the board,
11 commission, or governing body.

12 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2024.

13 SECTION 3. 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 provide for voting for or against the
16 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the
17 governor's appointments to state boards, commissions, or other
18 governing bodies of state agencies to reflect the gender
19 composition of this state."