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H.J.R. No. 83

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing that members of the  
2 legislature and the lieutenant governor will not receive a state  
3 salary or per diem during certain periods unless the legislature  
4 has passed the state's budget and that budget is certified by the  
5 comptroller.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 24, Article III, Texas Constitution, is  
8 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

9 (d) This subsection applies only if the Comptroller of  
10 Public Accounts has not certified, as provided by Section 49a(b) of  
11 this article, before the 31st day after the last day of a Regular  
12 Session of the Legislature, a general appropriations act that  
13 constitutes this State's budget for the succeeding State fiscal  
14 biennium. Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (c) of this section  
15 and Section 17(b), Article IV, of this constitution, a Member of the  
16 Legislature and the Lieutenant Governor while acting as President  
17 of the Senate are not entitled to receive any salary or per diem to  
18 which those Officers would otherwise be entitled for the period  
19 beginning on the 31st day after the last day of a Regular Session of  
20 the Legislature and ending at the end of the day preceding the day  
21 the Comptroller certifies a general appropriations act that  
22 constitutes this State's budget for that succeeding State fiscal  
23 biennium.

24 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to

1 the Texas Constitution:

2 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies  
3 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature,  
4 Regular Session, 2017, to provide that members of the legislature  
5 and the lieutenant governor will not receive a state salary or per  
6 diem during certain periods unless the legislature has passed the  
7 state's budget and that budget is certified by the comptroller.

8 (b) Section 24(d), Article III, of this constitution  
9 applies only in relation to the certification of a general  
10 appropriations act that constitutes this state's budget for a state  
11 fiscal biennium beginning on or after September 1, 2019.

12 (c) This temporary provision expires September 1, 2020.

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 permit voting for or against the  
16 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that members  
17 of the legislature and the lieutenant governor will not receive a  
18 state salary or per diem during certain periods unless the  
19 legislature has passed the state's budget and that budget is  
20 certified by the comptroller."