

1-1 By: Hughes S.C.R. No. 47
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 20, 2017; April 4, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 8, 2017,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1;
 1-5 May 8, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-17 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, Overreaching regulatory policies mandated by the
 1-19 federal government encroach upon liberties guaranteed to United
 1-20 States citizens by the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments
 1-21 enumerated in the Bill of Rights; and

1-22 WHEREAS, In January 2017, the United States House of
 1-23 Representatives passed the Regulations From the Executive in Need
 1-24 of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, which requires that congressional approval
 1-25 be obtained prior to the execution of new major regulations; even if
 1-26 enacted, however, that law is vulnerable to repeal or waiver by a
 1-27 future Congress or president; and

1-28 WHEREAS, States today have little recourse when the
 1-29 government in Washington, D.C., oversteps its authority; the only
 1-30 way to contest a federal regulation is to bring a constitutional
 1-31 challenge in federal court or to seek an amendment to the
 1-32 constitution; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Passage of a regulation freedom amendment would help
 1-34 restore constitutional balance by providing that whenever
 1-35 one-fourth of the members of either the United States House of
 1-36 Representatives or the United States Senate transmit to the
 1-37 president of the United States a written declaration of opposition
 1-38 to a proposed federal regulation, the regulation would require a
 1-39 majority vote of approval from both chambers for adoption; and

1-40 WHEREAS, A regulation freedom amendment would reestablish
 1-41 the separation of powers in the regulatory process and allow the
 1-42 will of the people to be voiced through their democratically
 1-43 elected representatives; now, therefore, be it

1-44 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-45 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
 1-46 propose and submit to the states for ratification a regulation
 1-47 freedom amendment to the United States Constitution; and, be it
 1-48 further

1-49 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-50 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-51 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
 1-52 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
 1-53 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
 1-54 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
 1-55 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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