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S.J.R. No. 39

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 86th Legislature,
4 Regular Session, 2019, 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, 2021.

12 (c) This temporary provision expires September 1, 2022.

13 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
14 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
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."