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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to remove the governor's
2 line-item veto authority.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 14, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 14. (a) Every bill which shall have passed both houses
7 of the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for his
8 approval. If he approve he shall sign it; but if he disapprove it,
9 he shall return it, with his objections, to the House in which it
10 originated, which House shall enter the objections at large upon
11 its journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such
12 reconsideration, two-thirds of the members present agree to pass
13 the bill, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other House,
14 by which likewise it shall be reconsidered; and, if approved by
15 two-thirds of the members of that House, it shall become a law; but
16 in such cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas
17 and nays, and the names of the members voting for and against the
18 bill shall be entered on the journal of each House respectively.

19 (b) If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor with
20 his objections within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall
21 have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner
22 as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature, by its adjournment,
23 prevent its return, in which case it shall be a law, unless he shall
24 file the same, with his objections, in the office of the Secretary

1 of State and give notice thereof by public proclamation within
2 twenty days after such adjournment. [~~If any bill presented to the
3 Governor contains several items of appropriation he may object to
4 one or more of such items, and approve the other portion of the
5 bill. In such case he shall append to the bill, at the time of
6 signing it, a statement of the items to which he objects, and no
7 item so objected to shall take effect. If the Legislature be in
8 session, he shall transmit to the House in which the bill originated
9 a copy of such statement and the items objected to shall be
10 separately considered. If, on reconsideration, one or more of such
11 items be approved by two-thirds of the members present of each
12 House, the same shall be part of the law, notwithstanding the
13 objections of the Governor. If any such bill, containing several
14 items of appropriation, not having been presented to the Governor
15 ten days (Sundays excepted) prior to adjournment, be in the hands of
16 the Governor at the time of adjournment, he shall have twenty days
17 from such adjournment within which to file objections to any items
18 thereof and make proclamation of the same, and such item or items
19 shall not take effect.]~~

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2022.
22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to remove the
24 governor's line-item veto authority."