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H.J.R. No. 52

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for annual  
2 legislative sessions.

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

4 SECTION 1. Sections 5(a) and (b), Article III, Texas  
5 Constitution, are amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The Legislature shall meet every year in regular session  
7 [~~two years~~] at such time as may be provided by law and at other times  
8 when convened by the Governor.

9 (b) When convened in regular session [~~Session~~], the first 15  
10 [~~thirty~~] days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of bills  
11 and resolutions, acting upon emergency appropriations, passing  
12 upon the confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and  
13 such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in  
14 special messages to the Legislature. During the succeeding 15  
15 [~~thirty~~] days of the regular session of the Legislature the various  
16 committees of each House shall hold hearings to consider all bills  
17 and resolutions and other matters then pending; and such emergency  
18 matters as may be submitted by the Governor. During the remainder  
19 of the session the Legislature shall act upon such bills and  
20 resolutions as may be then pending and upon such emergency matters  
21 as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the  
22 Legislature.

23 SECTION 2. Section 24(b), Article III, Texas Constitution,  
24 is amended to read as follows:

1           (b) No Regular Session shall be of longer duration than 70  
2 ~~[one hundred and forty (140)]~~ days.

3           SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
4 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.  
5 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
6 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for annual  
7 legislative sessions."