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H.J.R. No. 114

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing procedures to fill a
2 vacancy in the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 9(b), Article III, Texas Constitution,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (b) The House of Representatives shall, when it first
7 assembles in regular session, organize temporarily, and thereupon
8 proceed to the election of a Speaker from its own members. The
9 Speaker shall, during the first 30 days of each regular session and
10 at such other times as may be necessary, select another member of
11 the House as Speaker pro tempore. If the office of Speaker becomes
12 vacant, the Speaker pro tempore shall convene the Committee of the
13 Whole House of Representatives within 30 days after the vacancy
14 occurs. The Committee of the Whole shall elect one of its members
15 Speaker to serve until the House next assembles in regular session.

16 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing procedures to
20 fill a vacancy in the office of Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives."