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H.J.R. No. 151

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the legislature to  
2 convene into special session on petition of at least two-thirds of  
3 the members of each house of the legislature following certain  
4 disaster or emergency declarations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 8, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) If a state of emergency extends over 60 days in a  
9 geographic area containing over sixty percent of the total state  
10 population, the legislature shall convene in special session on  
11 receipt of a petition requesting the special session that is signed  
12 by at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the  
13 legislature. The petition must state the date the Legislature must  
14 convene the special session and the specific purpose or purposes  
15 for which the session is convened. The proclamation must provide  
16 for convening the legislature on the date stated in the petition and  
17 must authorize the legislature to consider the specific purpose or  
18 purposes stated in the petition.

19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.  
21 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the  
23 legislature to convene into special session on petition of at least  
24 two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature

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