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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment repealing the order of
2 business for regular legislative session.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 5, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended by amending Subsection to read as follows:

6 Sec. 5. MEETINGS; ORDER OF BUSINESS. (a) The Legislature
7 shall meet every two years at such time as may be provided by law and
8 at other times when convened by the Governor.

9 (b) When convened in regular Session, ~~[the first thirty days~~
10 ~~thereof]~~ the Legislature shall [be devoted to the] introduce[ti
11 ~~of]~~ bills and resolutions, which the various committees of each
12 House shall hold hearings to consider prior to acting upon;
13 act[ing] upon emergency appropriations;[7] and pass[ing] upon the
14 confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor. [and such]At
15 any time during regular session the Legislature shall act upon
16 emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special
17 messages to the Legislature. [During the succeeding thirty days of
18 ~~the regular session of the Legislature the various committees of~~
19 ~~each House shall hold hearings to consider all bills and~~
20 ~~resolutions and other matters then pending; and such emergency~~
21 ~~matters as may be submitted by the Governor. During the remainder of~~
22 ~~the session the Legislature shall act upon such bills and~~
23 ~~resolutions as may be then pending and upon such emergency matters~~
24 ~~as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the~~

1 ~~Legislature.]~~

2 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), either House may
3 determine its order of business by an affirmative vote of
4 four-fifths of its membership.

5 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
6 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
7 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
8 proposition: "The constitutional amendment repealing the order of
9 business for regular legislative session to permit the various
10 legislative committees of each House to consider bills and
11 resolutions and the Legislature to act upon such bills and
12 resolutions at any time during regular session."