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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the lieutenant  
2 governor and speaker of the house of representatives to call the  
3 legislature into special session and to designate the subjects of  
4 legislation considered at certain special sessions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 5A to read as follows:

8 Sec. 5A. The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of  
9 representatives may by joint proclamation convene the legislature  
10 in special session.

11 SECTION 2. Section 40, Article III, Texas Constitution, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 40. (a) When the legislature is [~~Legislature shall be~~]  
14 convened in a special session authorized by Section 5A of this  
15 article or Section 8(a), Article IV, of this constitution, the  
16 legislature may not consider [~~there shall be no~~] legislation on a  
17 subject [~~upon subjects~~] other than a subject [~~those~~] designated in  
18 the proclamation [~~of the Governor~~] calling the [~~such~~] session, [~~or~~]  
19 presented to the legislature [~~them~~] by the governor, or presented  
20 to the legislature jointly by the lieutenant governor and the  
21 speaker of the house of representatives.

22 (b) No special [~~Governor, and no such~~] session shall be of  
23 longer duration than thirty days.

24 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.  
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
4 lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives to  
5 call the legislature into special session and to designate the  
6 subjects of legislation considered at certain special sessions."