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S.J.R. No. 61

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting temporary
3 suspension of absentee voting procedures and fixing deadlines for
4 absentee voting.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2, Article VI, Texas Constitution, is
7 amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

8 (d) The qualifications for absentee voting and procedures
9 for conducting absentee voting may not be amended or suspended
10 except by specific law passed by the Legislature.

11 (e) A law passed by the Legislature granting the governor
12 general authority to suspend provisions of statute or rules of a
13 state agency does not grant the governor authority to amend or
14 suspend the qualifications for absentee voting or the procedures
15 for conducting absentee voting unless the law expressly provides
16 otherwise.

17 (f) A law passed by the Legislature granting the presiding
18 officer of the governing body of a political subdivision general
19 authority to declare a local state of disaster does not grant the
20 presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision
21 authority to amend or suspend the qualifications for absentee
22 voting or the procedures for conducting absentee voting unless the
23 law expressly provides otherwise.

24 SECTION 2. 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 prohibiting temporary
4 suspension of absentee voting procedures and fixing deadlines for
5 absentee voting."