

1-1 By: Campbell, et al. S.J.R. No. 61
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; March 24, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 21, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2, one present not
 1-6 voting; April 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13				X
1-14	X			
1-15		X		
1-16	X			
1-17		X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 61 By: Campbell

1-19 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-20 proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting temporary
 1-21 suspension of absentee voting procedures.

1-22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 2, Article VI, Texas Constitution, is
 1-24 amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

1-25 (d) The qualifications for absentee voting and procedures
 1-26 for conducting absentee voting may not be amended or suspended
 1-27 except by specific law passed by the Legislature.

1-28 (e) A law passed by the Legislature granting the governor
 1-29 general authority to suspend provisions of statute or rules of a
 1-30 state agency does not grant the governor authority to amend or
 1-31 suspend the qualifications for absentee voting or the procedures
 1-32 for conducting absentee voting unless the law expressly provides
 1-33 otherwise.

1-34 (f) A law passed by the Legislature granting a presiding
 1-35 officer of the governing body of a political subdivision general
 1-36 authority to declare a local state of disaster does not grant the
 1-37 presiding officer authority to amend or suspend the qualifications
 1-38 for absentee voting or the procedures for conducting absentee
 1-39 voting unless the law expressly provides otherwise.

1-40 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
 1-41 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
 1-42 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
 1-43 proposition: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting temporary
 1-44 suspension of absentee voting procedures."

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