By:  Bonnen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.J.R. No. 134

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2023; May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Bettencourt       X

Springer          X

Eckhardt                    X

Gutierrez                   X

Hall              X

Nichols           X

Parker            X

Paxton            X

West                  X

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer of Galveston County.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 44, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d)  The office of County Treasurer in Galveston County is abolished. The Commissioners Court of Galveston County may employ or contract with a qualified person or may designate another county officer to perform any of the functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer if the office had not been abolished.

SECTION 2.  The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION.  (a) The constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, abolishing the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County takes effect only if, at the statewide election at which the amendment is submitted to and approved by the voters, a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the question at that election also favor the amendment. The amendment takes effect January 1, 2024, if the conditions of this subsection are met.

(b)  This temporary provision expires January 2, 2024.

SECTION 3.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 7, 2023. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

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