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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to require that future constitutional amendments become effective only if approved by a majority of the voters in at least three-fourths of the counties of the state.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1(c), Article XVII, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  The election shall be held in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Legislature, and the returning officer in each county shall make returns to the Secretary of State of the number of legal votes cast at the election for and against each amendment. If it appears from the returns that in at least three-fourths of the counties in this state a majority of the votes cast have been cast in favor of an amendment, it shall become a part of this Constitution, and proclamation thereof shall be made by the Governor.

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

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, relating to requiring that future constitutional amendments become effective only if approved by a majority of the voters in at least three-fourths of the counties of the state.

(b)  The amendment to Section 1(c), Article XVII, of this constitution takes effect January 1, 2024.

(c)  This temporary provision expires January 1, 2025, and applies only to another proposed constitutional amendment for which the election to approve the amendment is held on or after that date.

SECTION 3.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require that future constitutional amendments become effective only if approved by a majority of the voters in at least three-fourths of the counties of the state."