By:  Middleton S.J.R. No. 54

(In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2023; March 3, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; March 30, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; March 30, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell        X

LaMantia        X

Menéndez        X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

Perry               X

Schwertner                X

Zaffirini                 X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 54 By:  Hughes

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit a court from issuing an opinion without disclosing the judges who authored the opinion.

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

SECTION 1.  Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 1-b to read as follows:

Sec. 1-b.  The authorship of an opinion published by a court is public information. A court shall list the authors of any opinion published by the court.

SECTION 2.  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 permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit a court from issuing an opinion without disclosing the judges who authored the opinion."

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