By:  Bettencourt, et al. S.J.R. No. 86

(In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 22, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 21, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 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. 86 By:  Hughes

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a statewide referendum allowing voters to indicate a preference for observing year-round standard time or daylight saving time and authorizing the legislature to enact legislation that gives effect to the preferred option.

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

SECTION 1.  Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 74 to read as follows:

Sec. 74.  The legislature by general law may:

(1)  hold a statewide referendum that allows the voters to indicate a preference for either:

(A)  observing standard time year-round; or

(B)  observing daylight saving time year-round; and

(2)  enact a law based on the results of the referendum providing for observing standard time year-round or observing daylight saving time year-round.

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 authorizing the state to conduct a statewide referendum allowing the voters to indicate a preference for observing standard time year-round or observing daylight saving time year-round and authorizing the legislature to enact legislation that gives effect to the option preferred by a majority of the voters voting in the statewide referendum."

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