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H.J.R. No. 172

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to enact laws providing for a court to grant a commutation of  
3 punishment to certain individuals serving a term of imprisonment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 33 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 33. The legislature by general law may provide for a  
8 court to grant a commutation of punishment to certain individuals  
9 serving a term of imprisonment.

10 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held on  
12 November 7, 2023. The ballot shall be printed to provide voting  
13 for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment  
14 authorizing the legislature to enact laws providing for a court to  
15 grant a commutation of punishment to certain individuals serving a  
16 term of imprisonment."