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S.J.R. No. 59

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the time during
3 which the legislature may act on bills or resolutions during a
4 regular session.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 5(b) and (c), Article III, Texas
7 Constitution, are amended to read as follows:

8 (b) When convened in regular session [~~Session~~], the first 30
9 [~~thirty~~] days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of and
10 holding committee hearings to consider bills and resolutions [~~7~~
11 ~~acting upon emergency appropriations, passing upon the~~
12 ~~confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and such~~
13 ~~emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special~~
14 ~~messages to the Legislature~~]. During the remainder of the session
15 [~~succeeding thirty days of the regular session of~~] the Legislature
16 may continue to introduce bills and resolutions and the various
17 committees of each House shall hold hearings to consider all bills
18 and resolutions and other matters then pending and [~~7~~ ~~and such~~
19 ~~emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor. During the~~
20 ~~remainder of the session~~] the Legislature shall act upon such bills
21 and resolutions as may be then pending. The Legislature may at any
22 time during a regular session consider the confirmation of the
23 recess appointees of the Governor and act on emergency
24 appropriations and [~~upon~~] such emergency matters as may be

1 submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature.

2 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), either House may
3 determine its order of business by an affirmative vote of
4 two-thirds [~~four-fifths~~] of its membership.

5 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
6 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
7 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
8 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the time
9 during which the legislature may act on bills or resolutions during
10 a regular session."