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H.J.R. No. 1

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment specifying the authority of
2 the attorney general to prosecute a criminal offense prescribed by
3 the election laws of this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22. (a) The Attorney General shall represent the State
8 in all suits and pleas in the Supreme Court of the State in which the
9 State may be a party, and shall especially inquire into the charter
10 rights of all private corporations, and from time to time, in the
11 name of the State, take such action in the courts as may be proper
12 and necessary to prevent any private corporation from exercising
13 any power or demanding or collecting any species of taxes, tolls,
14 freight or wharfage not authorized by law. The Attorney General
15 ~~[He]~~ shall, whenever sufficient cause exists, seek a judicial
16 forfeiture of such charters, unless otherwise expressly directed by
17 law, and give legal advice in writing to the Governor and other
18 executive officers, when requested by them, and perform such other
19 duties as may be required by law.

20 (b) The Attorney General shall have concurrent jurisdiction
21 with each county or district attorney of this State to represent
22 this State in the prosecution of a criminal offense prescribed by
23 the election laws of this State.

24 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

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1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held May 2, 2026. The
2 ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment specifying the
4 authority of the attorney general to prosecute a criminal offense
5 prescribed by the election laws of this state."