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H.B. No. 1267

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the recall of a United States senator by the
3 legislature.

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

5 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that:

6 (1) the federal government was intended to be a
7 creation of and responsive to the sovereign states;

8 (2) the 10th Amendment rights of states and the people
9 have been significantly diminished since the adoption of the 17th
10 Amendment;

11 (3) a restoration of the appropriate balance of power
12 between the sovereign State of Texas and the federal government is
13 necessary;

14 (4) the federal government has asserted itself in
15 nearly all matters of human endeavor including the exercising of
16 authorities not granted to it under the constitution;

17 (5) the rate of unconstitutional encroachments on
18 state sovereignty has increased since the adoption of the 17th
19 Amendment; and

20 (6) it is necessary to restore the original
21 constitutional design that federal senators serve the best interest
22 of the State of Texas.

23 SECTION 2. Title 9, Election Code, is amended by adding
24 Chapter 147 to read as follows:

1 CHAPTER 147. UNITED STATES SENATORS

2 Sec. 147.001. RECALL BY LEGISLATURE. (a) A person holding
3 the office of United States senator elected from this state is
4 subject to recall by a majority vote of each house of the Texas
5 Legislature.

6 (b) A vacancy in the office of United States senator occurs
7 on the date of a successful recall under this section.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.