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H.J.R. No. 150

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment specifying the authority of  
2 the attorney general to prosecute any criminal offense prescribed  
3 by the 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 any criminal offense prescribed by  
23 the 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 November 4, 2025.  
2 The 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 any criminal offense  
5 prescribed by the laws of this state."