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H.J.R. No. 151

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing each house of the  
2 legislature to determine the order of business for that house.

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

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

6 (b) When convened in regular session [~~Session~~], each house  
7 of the legislature [~~the first thirty days thereof shall be devoted~~  
8 ~~to the introduction of bills and resolutions, acting upon emergency~~  
9 ~~appropriations, passing upon the confirmation of the recess~~  
10 ~~appointees of the Governor and such emergency matters as may be~~  
11 ~~submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature.~~  
12 ~~During the succeeding thirty days of the regular session of the~~  
13 ~~Legislature the various committees of each House shall hold~~  
14 ~~hearings to consider all bills and resolutions and other matters~~  
15 ~~then pending, and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the~~  
16 ~~Governor. During the remainder of the session the Legislature~~  
17 ~~shall act upon such bills and resolutions as may be then pending and~~  
18 ~~upon such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in~~  
19 ~~special messages to the Legislature.~~

20 [~~(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), either House~~] may  
21 determine its order of business by an affirmative vote of a majority  
22 [~~four-fifths~~] of its membership.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.

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1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing each house  
3 of the legislature to determine the order of business for that  
4 house."