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H.J.R. No. 158

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5(b), Article III, Texas Constitution,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) When convened in regular session [~~Session~~], the first 60
8 [~~thirty~~] days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of and
9 acting on bills and resolutions, including holding committee
10 hearings [~~acting upon emergency appropriations, passing upon the~~
11 ~~confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and such~~
12 ~~emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special~~
13 ~~messages to the Legislature~~]. During the remainder of the session
14 [~~succeeding thirty days of the regular session of the Legislature~~]
15 the various committees of each House shall hold hearings to
16 consider all bills and resolutions and other matters then pending
17 and [~~, and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the~~
18 ~~Governor. During the remainder of the session~~] the Legislature
19 shall act upon such bills and resolutions as may be then pending.
20 The Legislature may at any time during a regular session consider
21 the confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and act on
22 emergency appropriations and [~~upon~~] such emergency matters as may
23 be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the
24 Legislature.

1 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
3 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
4 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the time
5 during which the legislature may act on bills or resolutions during
6 a regular session."