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S.J.R. No. 1

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail  
3 for an illegal alien charged with an offense punishable as a felony.

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

5 SECTION 1. This joint resolution shall be known as  
6 Jocelyn's Law.

7 SECTION 2. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
8 adding Section 11e to read as follows:

9 Sec. 11e. (a) In this section, "illegal alien" means a  
10 person who:

11 (1) entered the United States without inspection or at  
12 any time or place other than as designated by the United States  
13 attorney general; or

14 (2) was admitted as a nonimmigrant and, before the  
15 date of the commission of the offense, had failed to maintain the  
16 nonimmigrant status under which the alien was admitted or to which  
17 the status was changed under applicable federal immigration law, or  
18 to comply with the conditions of the person's status.

19 (b) An illegal alien who is accused of committing an offense  
20 punishable as a felony shall be denied bail pending trial if a judge  
21 or magistrate determines after a hearing that probable cause exists  
22 to believe that the person engaged in the conduct constituting the  
23 offense.

24 SECTION 3. 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 permit voting for or against the  
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of  
4 bail for an illegal alien charged with an offense punishable as a  
5 felony."