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S.J.R. No. 53

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to designate subjects for legislation during a special session.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 40, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 40. (a) When the legislature is [~~Legislature shall be~~]
7 convened in a special session, the legislature may not consider
8 [~~there shall be no~~] legislation on a subject [~~upon subjects~~] other
9 than a subject [~~those~~] designated in the proclamation of the
10 governor [~~Governor~~] calling the [~~such~~] session, [~~or~~] presented to
11 the legislature [~~them~~] by the governor, or designated by either
12 house of the legislature by resolution approved by a two-thirds
13 vote of the members of that house. A subject designated by one
14 house of the legislature may be considered by the other house.

15 (b) No special [~~Governor, and no such~~] session shall be of
16 longer duration than thirty days.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
21 legislature to designate subjects for legislation during a special
22 session."