

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.J.R. No. 54
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 21, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
 1-4 Relations; May 3, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Lucio	X			
1-8 Bettencourt	X			
1-9 Campbell			X	
1-10 Garcia	X			
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Taylor of Collin	X			

1-15 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-16 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a municipal
 1-17 charter amendment election to be held on certain election dates.

1-18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 5(a), Article XI, Texas Constitution, is
 1-20 amended to read as follows:

1-21 (a) Cities having more than five thousand (5000)
 1-22 inhabitants may, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said
 1-23 city, at an election held for that purpose, adopt or amend their
 1-24 charters. An election to amend a charter may be held on an election
 1-25 date prescribed by the Legislature. If the number of inhabitants of
 1-26 cities that have adopted or amended their charters under this
 1-27 section is reduced to five thousand (5000) or fewer, the cities
 1-28 still may amend their charters by a majority vote of the qualified
 1-29 voters of said city at an election held for that purpose. The
 1-30 adoption or amendment of charters is subject to such limitations as
 1-31 may be prescribed by the Legislature, and no charter or any
 1-32 ordinance passed under said charter shall contain any provision
 1-33 inconsistent with the Constitution of the State, or of the general
 1-34 laws enacted by the Legislature of this State. Said cities may
 1-35 levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law or
 1-36 by their charters; but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful
 1-37 for any one year, which shall exceed two and one-half per cent. of
 1-38 the taxable property of such city, and no debt shall ever be created
 1-39 by any city, unless at the same time provision be made to assess and
 1-40 collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and
 1-41 creating a sinking fund of at least two per cent. thereon, except as
 1-42 provided by Subsection (b). Furthermore, no city charter shall be
 1-43 altered, amended or repealed oftener than every two years, except
 1-44 that a subsequent charter election may be held on a date prescribed
 1-45 by the Legislature even if that date falls a number of days short of
 1-46 two years.

1-47 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
 1-48 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.
 1-49 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
 1-50 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a
 1-51 municipal charter amendment election to be held on an election date
 1-52 prescribed by the legislature."

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