1-1 S.J.R. No. 54 By: Middleton 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2023; March 3, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; March 30, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee 1-4 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; March 30, 2023, 1-6 sent to printer.)

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit a court from issuing an opinion without disclosing the judges who authored the 1-22 1-23 1-24 opinion. 1-25

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

1-26 1-27 SECTION 1. Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 1-b to read as follows:

Sec. 1-b. The authorship of an opinion published by a court 1-28 1-29 public information. A court shall list the authors of any 1-30 opinion published by the court.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023. 1-31 1-32 1-33 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit a court 1-34 from issuing an opinion without disclosing the judges who authored the opinion." 1-35 1-36

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