

1-1 By: Birdwell S.J.R. No. 59
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2023; March 9, 2023,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration; March
1-4 16, 2023, rereferred to Committee on State Affairs; March 22, 2023,
1-5 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
1-6 March 22, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Paxton	X		
1-11	Bettencourt	X		
1-12	Birdwell	X		
1-13	LaMantia	X		
1-14	Menéndez	X		
1-15	Middleton	X		
1-16	Parker	X		
1-17	Perry	X		
1-18	Schwertner	X		
1-19	Zaffirini	X		

1-20 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-21 proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the time during
1-22 which the legislature may act on bills or resolutions during a
1-23 regular session.

1-24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 5(b), Article III, Texas Constitution,
1-26 is amended to read as follows:

1-27 (b) When convened in regular session [~~Session~~], the
1-28 Legislature may introduce [~~first thirty days thereof shall be~~
1-29 ~~devoted to the introduction of~~] bills and resolutions and [~~acting~~
1-30 ~~upon emergency appropriations, passing upon the confirmation of the~~
1-31 ~~recess appointees of the Governor and such emergency matters as may~~
1-32 ~~be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the~~
1-33 ~~Legislature. During the succeeding thirty days of the regular~~
1-34 ~~session of the Legislature the various committees of each House~~
1-35 ~~shall] hold hearings and act on [~~to consider all~~] bills and
1-36 resolutions [~~and other matters then pending, and such emergency~~
1-37 ~~matters as may be submitted by the Governor. During the remainder~~
1-38 ~~of the session the Legislature shall act upon such bills and~~
1-39 ~~resolutions as may be then pending] and on [~~upon such~~] emergency
1-40 matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to
1-41 the Legislature.~~~~

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 5(c), Article III, Texas Constitution,
1-43 is repealed.

1-44 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-45 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
1-46 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-47 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding the time
1-48 during which the legislature may act on bills or resolutions during
1-49 a regular session."

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