

1-1 By: Birdwell S.J.R. No. 68
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2025; March 10, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15			X	
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1-17			X	
1-18	X			

1-19 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-20 proposing a constitutional amendment to clarify and implement
1-21 certain provisions governing the impeachment, trial, removal from
1-22 office, and disqualification of public officers.

1-23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 5, Article XV, Texas Constitution, is
1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 5. (a) All officers against whom articles of
1-27 impeachment may be preferred shall be suspended from the exercise
1-28 of the duties of their offices ~~[office]~~, with ordinary pay, during
1-29 the pendency of such impeachment.

1-30 (b) The Governor may make a provisional appointment to fill
1-31 the vacancy~~[7]~~ occasioned by the suspension of an officer, other
1-32 than the Governor, until the decision on the impeachment.

1-33 (c) Section 16, Article IV, of this Constitution applies to
1-34 a vacancy occasioned by the suspension of the Governor on
1-35 impeachment or by the removal of the Governor from office.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 7, Article XV, Texas Constitution, is
1-37 amended to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 7. (a) The Legislature shall provide by law for the
1-39 trial and removal from office of all officers of this State, the
1-40 modes for which have not been provided in this Constitution.

1-41 (b) The Legislature may enact general laws, consistent with
1-42 this Constitution, to implement this Article or another provision
1-43 of this Constitution providing for the impeachment, trial, removal
1-44 from office, or disqualification of an officer of this State.

1-45 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-46 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
1-47 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-48 proposition: "The constitutional amendment clarifying and
1-49 implementing certain provisions governing the impeachment, trial,
1-50 removal from office, and disqualification of public officers."

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