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(in numerical order)

1. By Mr. Latimer: Proposing an Amendment to Sections 5 and 24 of Article III and Section 17 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to provide for annual sessions of the Legislature and changing the compensation, per diem and travel expense of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the members of the Legislature; 132.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 132.—Reported favorably, 320.—Read second time, 372.—Taken up, 377.—Passed, 388.—Votes recorded, 391.—Reported engrossed, 420.—Returned from the Senate, 2826.—Motion to not concur in Senate amendments lost, 2739.—House concurred in Senate amendments, 2740.—Text of Senate amendments, 2741.—Signed, 2896.—Votes recorded, 2947.—Reported enrolled, 3017.—Sent to the Governor, 3017.—H. C. R. 122, Requesting return of from Governor for corrections and sale of bonds by the State; 289.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 289.—Reported favorably, 285.—Read second time, 289.—Passed, 294.—Reported engrossed, 303.—Returned from the Senate, 3081.—Signed, 3229.—Sent to the Governor, 3431.

2. By Mr. Martin: Proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 51a of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to increase the limit on the maximum monthly payment to needy aged persons from State funds and on the total yearly expenditure out of State funds for assistance to needy aged, needy blind and needy children, 132.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 132.—Reported favorably, 445.—Read second time, 495.—Passed, 498.—Vote recorded, 514.— Reported engrossed, 531.—Returned from the Senate, 531.

3. By Mr. Saul: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding a section to be known as Section 49c of Article III, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds by the State to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conservation and development of the water resources of the State; 132.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 132.—Reported favorably, 445.—Read second time, 498.—Passed, 502.—Reported engrossed, 531.—Returned from the Senate, 531.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 531.—Reported favorably, 557.—Read second time, 600.—Passed, 602.—Reported engrossed, 631.—Returned from the Senate, 761.—House refused to concur in Senate amendments and request a Conference Committee, 928.—House Conference appointed, 929.—Report of House granted, 956.—Senate Conference appointed, 1099.—Conference Committee Report submitted, 2035.—House adopted Conference Committee Report 2035.—Vote recorded, 2035.—Senate report of Conference Committee Report 1099.—Signed, 2229.—Reported enrolled, 2469.—Sent to the Governor, 2431.

4. By Mr. Parish: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Texas by adding a new section to be known as Section 52a, requiring the Legislature to apportion the State into congressional districts at its first regular session after the publication of each United States decennial census, and
providing for a Board to make such apportionments in the event the Legislature fails to do so. 132.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments. 132.—Additional signer of, 566.—Reported favorably. 566.—Read second time, 566.—Motion to postpone, tabled, 566.—Passed. 566.—Reason for vote, 566.—Additional signers of, 566.—Reported engrossed, 566.

5. By Mr. Anderson: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas by amending Section 18 of Article V, changing the provisions relative to division of counties into commissioners precincts, and by adding a new section to Article V, to be numbered Section 18a, providing for an election to require division of a county into commissioners precincts on the basis of population, providing for a board to make such a division in the event the commissioners court fails to do so, and making other provisions relative thereto. 132.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments. 132.—Reported favorably. 942.—Read second time, 942.—Postponed, 942, 1082.—Passed by engrossment, 942.—Reported favorably. 556.—Read second time, 556.—Reported favorably, 556.—Read second time, postponed, 556.—Taken up, 712.—Postponed, 713.—Passed. 954, 955. 1082. 1287.—Taken up, 1858.—Laid on the table subject to call, 1858.

6. By Mr. Holman: Proposing an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of Texas providing for a four year term of office for Governor and limiting the tenure of office to two terms. 132.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 132.

7. By Mr. Wilson of Potter: Proposing an amendment to Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 8, by providing that the Legislature may authorize the creation of a city-wide hospital district co-extensive with the incorporated limits of the City of Amarillo, Texas, if approved by the qualified property tax-paying voters at an election held for that purpose within such a district, and further authorizing the Counties of Potter and Randall to render financial aid to, and participate in the operation of such hospital or hospitals, etc., 133.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 133.

8. By Mr. Schwartz of Galveston: Proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of Texas to provide that the Court of Criminal Appeals may sit at the seat of government at any time during the year for the transaction of business, and that its terms shall begin and end with each calendar year. 133.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 133.—Reported favorably, 556.—Read second time, postponed, 556.—Taken up, 712.—Postponed, 713, 954. 955. 1082. 1287.—Taken up, 1858.—Laid on the table subject to call, 1858.

9. By Mr. Korth: Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VI of the Constitution, repealing the provision making the payment of a poll tax a qualification of an elector; requiring the Legislature to pass a general registration law of voters; etc., 133.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 133.

10. By Mr. Bell: Proposing an amendment to Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new section to be known as Section 7a, providing for apportionment of the State into Judicial districts by the Legislature at stated intervals; creating the Judicial Redistricting Board to make such apportionment if the Legislature fails to do so, 133.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 133.—Reported favorably, 650.—Read second time, 713.—Passed, 713.—Reported engrossed, 757.

11. By Mr. Shackelford: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution...
of Texas, amending Article III, Section 51a, so as to remove the restriction on the total amount of money which may be expended out of State funds for assistance to the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children. 133.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 133.

12. By Mr. McGregor of El Paso: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Texas, adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 28a, providing that the Legislature shall reapportion the State into congressional districts at its first regular session after the publication of each United States decennial census, and providing that the Legislative Redistricting Board shall reapportion if the Legislature fails to do so, 133.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 133.

13. By Mr. Bryan: Proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas, providing that the Legislature be authorized to appropriate money and establish the procedure necessary to expend such money for the purpose of developing information about the natural, agricultural, industrial, educational, marketing, and living resources and tourist and recreational facilities of Texas; etc., 134.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 134.

14. By Mr. Yezak: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Texas, by amending Sections 2 and 26 so as to change the number of Representatives in the Texas Legislature; changing the apportionment of Representatives, etc., 134.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 134.

15. By Mr. White: Proposing an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas, by adding a section to be numbered Section 1-4 to provide that any incorporated city, town or village which levies an ad valorem tax on real property may apply a lower rate of taxation to agricultural lands of not less than five acres than that applied to other property, 134.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 134.

16. By Mr. Dewey: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Texas, by adding a new section to be known as Section 28a, requiring the Legislature to apportion the State into congressional districts at its first regular session after the publication of each United States decennial census, and providing that the Redistricting Board shall reapportion if the Legislature fails to do so, 134.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 134.

17. By Mr. Jones: Proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 64, by providing that the Legislature shall be authorized to pay a pension to retired Texas Rangers who are not eligible to participate in the State Employees Retirement System, 134.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 134.—Reported favorably, 912.—Read second time, 955.—Passed; 956.—Caption ordered amended, 957.—Reported engrossed, 1064.—Returned from the Senate, 2130.—House concurred in Senate amendments, 2134.—Text of Senate amendments, 2155.—Signed, 2231.—Reported enrolled, 2382.—Sent to the Governor, 2383.

18. By Mr. Bult: Proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 24 of the State Constitution, requiring members of the Legislature who appear before State agencies for compensation or hire to file sworn statements setting out certain information, and fixing the per diem of the members of the Legislature at $25.00 per day during the term of their office, 134.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 134.
20. By Mr. Harrington: Proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide for an exemption of the first Five Thousand Dollars of value of all property of certain persons owning property valued for county tax purposes at Ten Thousand Dollars or less from all ad valorem taxes levied by the state or any county, city, town, school district or other political subdivision or instrumentality of the State. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 164.

21. By Mr. Cole: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas, relating to apportionment of the State into congressional districts, 164. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 164.

22. By Mr. Parsons: Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Texas, rendering certain public office holders ineligible to be nominated or elected to any other elective public office the term of which begins before the expiration of the term which the officer then holds, without resigning from the office then held, 182. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 182. Reported favorably, 2015. Taken up, 2056. Read second time, 2056. Passed, 2056. Reason for vote, 2056. Certain correction authorized, 2077. Reported engrossed, 2077.

23. By Mr. Pipkin: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Section 5a to provide that the Legislature shall create a State Medical Education Board, a State Medical Scholarship Fund, from which grants, loans, or scholarships may be made to students desiring to study medicine etc., 197. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 197.

24. By Mr. Hollowell: Proposing an Amendment to Article III. Section 5a. of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to increase the maximum payments per month for Old Age Assistance from State Funds to Twenty Seven Dollars per month per recipient and to increase the total amount of State Funds for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to Dependent Children, payments of Fifty Three Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars per year, 288. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 288.

25. By Mr. Sudderth: Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Section 18 of Article V so as to provide that the County Judge of each county shall possess such additional qualifications as may be prescribed by the Legislature, 226. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 226. Reported favorably, 2162. Read second time, 2252. Failed to pass to engrossment, 2252.

26. By Mr. Green: Proposing an Amendment to Section 1-a of Article V of the Constitution of Texas so as to authorize the Legislature to include Judges of County Courts at Law and Judges of County Criminal Courts in the Judicial Retirement System; etc. 245. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 245.

27. By Mr. McCoplin: Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Texas, dedicating to the support of the educational system of the State all future taxes not levied on January 1, 1958, which are levied as a direct tax on consumers or as a tax based on selling price or volume of sales, with the exception of gross production taxes on natural resources and taxes on motor fuels and lubricants used to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, 249. Read first time, referred to
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28. By Mr. Crosthwait: Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas fixing the per diem of the members of the Legislature at Fifty Dollars per day for the first one hundred and fifty days of the Regular Sessions in odd-numbered years, and Fifty Dollars per day for the first sixty days of the Regular Sessions in even-numbered years; providing for the submission of this Resolution to a vote of the people; and directing the Governor to issue the necessary proclamation, 269.-Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 269.

29. By Mr. Crosthwait: Proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution relating to sessions of the Legislature and what may be considered thereat; specifying the time when the Amendment shall take effect if ratified and providing for the submission of the proposed Amendment to a vote of the people, 269.-Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 269.

30. By Mr. Hale: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas to require that vacancies in the office of County Judge and Justices of the Peace be filled by the Commissioners Court only until the next general election, 435.-Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 435.-Reported favorably, 2025.-Read second time, passed, 2057.-Certain correction authorized, 2077.-Reported engrossed, 2117.-Returned from the Senate, 2954.-Signed, 3090.-Reported enrolled, 3406.-Sent to the Governor, 3430.

31. By Mr. Hale: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas to provide that all county officials for whom four year terms of office were authorized in 1954, must resign such office prior to announcing for a different office when more than one year remains unserved of the term for which they were elected, and providing for the filling of such vacancies in the manner now provided by law, 435.-Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 435.-Reported favorably, 2025.-Read second time, passed, 2057.-Certain correction authorized, 2077.-Reported engrossed, 2117.-Returned from the Senate, 2954.-Signed, 3090.-Reported enrolled, 3406.-Sent to the Governor, 3430.

32. By Mr. Patterson: Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 16 of the State Constitution, increasing the jurisdiction of the county courts, concurrent with the district courts from $1,000 to $5,000; and conferring probate jurisdiction on all county courts at law, 435.-Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 435.-Reported favorably, 1483.-Read second time, passed to engrossment, 1557.-Reported engrossed, 1732.-Read third time, 1793.-Taken up, postponed, 1794.-Laid on table subject to call, 2054.

33. By Mr. Springer: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article VIII, Section 1b, so as to exempt from all taxation $3,000 of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads of persons 65 years of age or over whose income is derived from old age assistance, pensions, annuities, or retirement systems, 490.-Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 490.

34. By Mr. McDonald: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Section 5 of Article VII to remove therefrom the provision for transfer of funds not to exceed one per cent annually from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund and by adding a new section after Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to be designated as Section 5a by providing for the broader investment of the Permanent School Fund, in corporate bonds and stocks

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under certain conditions and limitations; 519.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments; 519.—Reported favorably, 1483.—Read second time, 1559.—Passed, 1563.—Caption ordered amended, 1564.—Reported engrossed, 1773.

35. By Mr. Zbranek: Providing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding Section 51c, providing for the establishing of a State Scholarship Fund, from which grants, loans or scholarships may be made to needy students; providing certain restrictions and limitations. 540.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments; 540.—Reported favorably, 2025.—Read second time, 2354.—Passed, 2355.—Reported engrossed, 2420.—Returned from the Senate, 2722.—Signed, 2895.—Reported enrolled, 3017.—Sent to the Governor, 3017.

36. By Mr. Bullock: Proposing an amendment to Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Subsection to be known as 51a-1; giving the Legislature the power to provide under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient, for assistance on behalf of persons eligible for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to Dependent Children as provided in Section 51a of Article III, and for persons eligible to the Permanently and Totally Disabled as provided in Article III, Section 51-b of the Constitution of Texas; etc. 565.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments; 565.—Reported favorably, 1483.—Read second time, approved, 1569.—Vote recorded, 2054.—Reported engrossed, 1732.—Returned from the Senate, 3228.—Vote recorded, 3274.—Text of Senate amendments 3274.—Signed, 3375.—Reported enrolled, 3410.—Sent to the Governor, 3431.

37. By Mr. Spilman: Proposing an amendment to Subsection (a) of Section 62, Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas, relating to establishing of a retirement, disability and death compensation fund for officers and employees of the State. 645.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 775.

38. By Mr. Watson: Proposing an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as to exempt motor vehicles from ad valorem taxes; providing for a necessary election and form of ballot; etc. 662.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments; 662.—Reported favorably, 1225.—Read second time, postponed, 1287.—Taken up, 1564.—Passed to engrossment, 1567.—Vote recorded, 1723.—Votes recorded, 1749.—Read third time, postponed, 1794.—Motion to reconsider and spread on the Journal the vote by which amendment by Mr. Watson was adopted, 2054.—Postponed, 2056.—Notice given, 2270.—Motion to reconsider called from the Journal, 2350.—Motion to reconsider prevailed, 2351.—Falled to pass, 2351.

39. By Mr. Foreman: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to abolish all ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles and substitute in lieu thereof one annual license fee, 662.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 662.

40. By Mr. Latham: Proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new Section to be numbered Section 8a, to provide for the establishment of a State Public School Building Authority created for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and operating public school buildings and facilities and furnishing and equipping the same for use as public schools as a part of the public school system of the State. 775.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 775.
41. By Mr. Glass: Authorizing use of a portion of the Permanent University Fund for construction and operation of a general museum, a livestock laboratory, and a geological collection or garden. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

42. By Mr. Kennard: Proposing an amendment to Section 40 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that no person shall be a candidate for any elective federal, state, district, county or precinct office, with certain exceptions, who holds any other office or position of honor, trust or profit under this State or the United States. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

43. By Mr. Hensley: Proposing an amendment to Section 11A of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to authorize courts having original criminal jurisdiction to suspend the imposition or execution of judgment or sentence in both misdemeanor and felony cases, and to place the defendant on probation and to require such judgment or sentence, etc. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

44. By Mr. Koliba: Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas to change the required age of Senators from twenty-six years to thirty years. Reported favorably. Read second time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

45. By Mr. Koliba: Proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas to change the required age of Representatives from twenty-one years to twenty-five years. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

46. By Mr. Latimer: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Texas providing that any Regular Session of the Legislature be limited in the number of bills which may be submitted to the Governor. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

47. By Mr. Cotten: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Texas providing that a home rule city may provide by Charter Provision and a general law city operating under the general laws may provide by majority vote for a longer term of office than two years for its officers, etc. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

48. By Mr. Blanchard: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas by amending Section 18 of Article IV and Article V of the Constitution of Texas by changing the provisions relative to division of counties into commissioners precincts, etc. Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

49. By Mr. Anderson: Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new section thereto to
be known as Section 62, providing that the Legislature may delegate authority to any public highways, roads, streets and alleys or portions thereof, relating to and regu-

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lating the speed at which any motor vehicle may be operated thereon.

2943.—Read first time, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, 1948.