## Constitution

## Senate approves proposed state charter, 22-

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Senators approved a proposed new constitution Tuesday, blending up-to-the-tion Tuesday, blending up-tuesday, ble minute suggestions with ideas tested over nearly 100 years.

"You have done in one day what we couldn't do in seven months in our last constitutional convention," said Sen. Bob Gammage, who sponsored the eight-section package of

proposals.

If the House also approves the document, it would go to the voters in a statewide election Nov. 4.

Gammage's statement tends to obscure the fact that the proposal the Senate approved was virtually the same constitution that the con-vention failed to accept by three votes last summer.

The Senate climaxed almost six hours of debate by voting a second time on each of the sections. A potential trouble spot was smoothed over when enough senators switched their votes to pass a provision giving restricted voting rights

On the first vote it was 17-11, short of the two-thirds required for approval, but the second and final vote was 22-8.

No other vote on a section was any closer, which meant there was always one vote to spare.

Another crucial vote change - by Sen. Grant Jones, D-Abilene — enabled the Senate to take a final vote Tuesday, instead of waiting another

In a 16-14 vote, senators rejected a controversial proposal to lock into the constitution the law against labor-management agreements requiring union membership or payment of union dues to hold a job.

Gammage, D-Houston, predicted passage of the proposal — which some say was responsible for the defeat of the 1974 constitution - would have scuttled the entire general provisions section.

At least eight senators clustered around Senate secretary Charles Schnabel awaiting the tally, and Sen. Tom Creighton, D-Mineral Wells, yelled, "No switches, no

One amendment added in the afternoon session would require any future constitutional convention to submit a new document by a two-

## bulletin board

TODAY
SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL meets at 7:30 p.m. in

PRE-LAW SOCIETY will nominate officers at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder rm. 401. WHEELMEN will start a bike ride from the MSC ntain at 5:30 p.m

STUDENT Y presents a program by the Middle Earth Drug Crisis Center at 7:30 p.m. in room 212 of the MSC. SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS meets at 5

plans for the NASA trip. EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m.

in room 402 of the Rudder Tower.

BRYAN COUNCIL OF STUTTERERS meets at

Center, 3300 E. 29th St. in Bryan.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Barcelona
Apts. party room. Prof. Rodney Hill will speak.

THURSDAY CEPHEID VARIABLES meet at 7:30 in rms. A and B

of the MSC student programs office.

SYMPHONIC BAND will present a concert in the

HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 in 215

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCI-ATION meets at 8 p.m. in room 401 of the Rud-der Tower to hear Dr. Stuart Lynn speak on cost

MIDLAND HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 8 p. m. in the Rudder Tower for officer elections.

STUDENT Y presents a panel discussion by community leaders for Drug Awareness Week.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE AR-

MATH CLUB meets in the third floor lounge of Har-INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS presents Dr. D. L. Solomon at 3 p. m. in rm. 110 Oceanography to speak on mathematics and ecology.





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Texas' "pay-as-you-go" principle. It requires political subdivisions to allow a \$3,000 exemption from property taxes for persons 65 or older if their annual incomes are below \$7,500.

State debt could be authorized

only by approval of two-thirds of the legislature and a majority vote of the

The new constitution would prohibit discrimination against handicapped persons in hiring employes. A major difference between the

document approved by the Senate and the 1974 convention proposal

was that Gammage had stripped away special proposals to ban parimutuel gambling, to limit state taxes to 8 per cent of the state's income in one year, to grant House members four-year terms and con-

stitutionally ban the union shop. Numerous attempts were made to amend the proposed constitution property tax of 10 cents on \$100 val-

after two tries to delay debate each failed, 21-9.

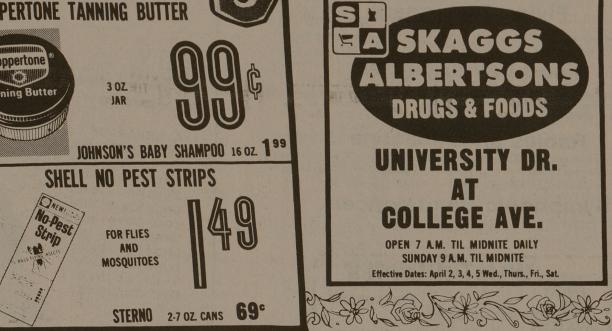
Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby broke a tie to enable senators to tack on an amendment to include campuses of Texas State Technical Institute under the new higher education fund. The fund earmarks a state

uation for colleges outside the University of Texas and Texas A&M legislature.

University systems. The legislative article maintains a 181-member legislature, including 150 House members and 31 senators, and establishes annual sessions. The executive article pro-

The judicial article propos merger of the State Court of C nal Appeals and the Texas Supr Court, with Texas' 14 civil app courts assuming civil and cri jurisdiction. The state would the cost of all courts.











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