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H.J.R. No. 139

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment modifying the initial terms of  
2 office for the justices of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals.

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

4 SECTION 1. The following temporary provision is added to  
5 the Texas Constitution:

6 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) The length of the initial term of  
7 office of the chief justice and each justice of the Court of Appeals  
8 for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District who is elected to office  
9 for a term that begins January 1, 2025, is as follows:

10 (1) the term of office of chief justice and justice for  
11 Place 3 of the Court of Appeals for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals  
12 District is six years unless the justice is otherwise removed as  
13 provided by law;

14 (2) the term of office of the justice for Place 2 and  
15 the justice for Place 4 of the Court of Appeals for the Fifteenth  
16 Court of Appeals District is four years unless the justice is  
17 otherwise removed as provided by law; and

18 (3) the term of office of the justice for Place 5 of  
19 the Court of Appeals for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District is  
20 two years unless the justice is otherwise removed as provided by  
21 law.

22 (b) This temporary provision expires November 2, 2032.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.

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1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment modifying the initial  
3 terms of office for the justices of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals."