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H.J.R. No. 92

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a student member
2 of the board of regents of a state university or state university
3 system to serve a term that differs from the terms served by the
4 other members of the board.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16-a, Article VII, Texas Constitution,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 16-a. (a) The Legislature shall fix by law the terms
9 of all offices of the public school system and of the State
10 institutions of higher education, inclusive, and the terms of
11 members of the respective boards, not to exceed six years.

12 (b) If the Legislature provides for a position on the
13 governing board of an institution of higher education or university
14 system that must be held by a student of the institution or system,
15 the term of that position is not required to be the same as the terms
16 of the other members of the board.

17 SECTION 2. Section 30a, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 30a. (a) The Legislature may provide by law that the
20 ~~[Board of Regents of the State University and]~~ boards of trustees or
21 managers of the ~~[educational]~~ eleemosynary~~[7]~~ and penal
22 institutions of the State, and such boards as have been, or may
23 hereafter be established by law, may be composed of an odd number of
24 three or more members who serve for a term of six (6) years, with

1 one-third, or as near as one-third as possible, of the members of
2 such boards to be elected or appointed every two (2) years in such
3 manner as the Legislature may determine; vacancies in such offices
4 to be filled as may be provided by law, and the Legislature shall
5 enact suitable laws to give effect to this section.

6 (b) The Legislature may provide by law that a board required
7 by this constitution be composed of members of any number divisible
8 by three (3) who serve for a term of six (6) years, with one-third of
9 the members elected or appointed every two (2) years.

10 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
12 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
13 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a student
14 member of the board of regents of a state university or state
15 university system to serve a term that differs from the terms served
16 by the other members of the board."