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S.J.R. No. 42

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the terms of
2 office of justices of the peace.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 18, Article V, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended by adding Subsections (g) and (i) to read as follows:

6 (g) The justices of the peace elected in a county shall
7 serve staggered terms.

8 (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), in the first election
9 held after January 1, 2006, in which all of the justices of the
10 peace in a county are elected, the justices of the peace for
11 odd-numbered precincts shall be elected to serve for a term of two
12 years, and the justices of the peace for even-numbered precincts
13 shall be elected to serve for a term of four years. At subsequent
14 elections, the justices of the peace shall be elected for terms of
15 four years. This subsection expires January 1, 2009.

16 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for
20 staggered terms for justices of the peace."