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S.J.R. No. 45

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing compensation for
2 public school employees and retired public school employees serving
3 as members of local governing bodies.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 40(b), Article XVI, Texas Constitution,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) State employees or other individuals who receive all or
8 part of their compensation either directly or indirectly from funds
9 of the State of Texas and who are not State officers, shall not be
10 barred from serving as members of the governing bodies of school
11 districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts.
12 Such State employees or other individuals may not receive a salary
13 for serving as members of such governing bodies, except that:

14 (1) a public school employee or [~~schoolteacher,~~
15 retired public school employee [~~schoolteacher, or retired school~~
16 ~~administrator~~] may receive compensation for serving as a member of
17 a governing body of a school district, city, town, or local
18 governmental district, including a water district created under
19 Section 59, Article XVI, or Section 52, Article III; and

20 (2) a faculty member or retired faculty member of a
21 public institution of higher education may receive compensation for
22 serving as a member of a governing body of a water district created
23 under Section 59 of this article or under Section 52, Article III,
24 of this constitution.

1 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
3 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
4 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing
5 compensation for public school employees and retired public school
6 employees serving as members of local governing bodies."