A JOINT RESOLUTION

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proposing a constitutional amendment providing that a person
holding a statewide elective office automatically vacates office on
announcing a candidacy or becoming a candidate for another elective
office before December 1 of the last full odd-numbered year of the
person's term of office.

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

SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
adding Section 65-a to read as follows:

Sec. 65-a. If a person who holds a statewide elective office
announces the person's candidacy, or in fact becomes a candidate,
in any general, special, or primary election for any office of
profit or trust under the laws of this State or the United States
other than the office then held at any time before December 1 of the
last full odd-numbered year before the term of office then held
expires, that announcement or candidacy constitutes an automatic
resignation from the office then held.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that a person
holding a statewide elective office automatically vacates office on
announcing a candidacy or becoming a candidate for another elective
office before December 1 of the last full odd-numbered year of the
person's term of office."