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H.J.R. No. 37

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a political
2 subdivision of this state to limit the number of terms for which a
3 person may be elected to hold an office of the political
4 subdivision.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 30c to read as follows:

8 Sec. 30c. (a) The legislature by general law shall require
9 a political subdivision of this state that is governed by one or
10 more elected officers to establish a limit on the number of terms a
11 person may be elected to serve in an office of the political
12 subdivision to ensure that a person may not serve longer than 12
13 years in an office.

14 (b) An officer who has been elected to serve for the maximum
15 number of terms established by the political subdivision as
16 required by Subsection (a) of this section is not eligible for
17 election to serve an additional term of that office.

18 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
19 the Texas Constitution:

20 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
21 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature,
22 1st Called Session, 2017, requiring a political subdivision of this
23 state to limit the number of terms for which a person may be elected
24 to hold an office of the political subdivision.

1 (b) A term that begins before January 1, 2020, is not
2 counted in determining whether a person is eligible to serve under
3 Section 30c, Article XVI, of this constitution.

4 (c) This temporary provision expires February 1, 2036.

5 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
6 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2018.
7 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
8 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring a political
9 subdivision to limit the number of terms of its officers so that a
10 person may not hold an elected office of the political subdivision
11 for longer than 12 years."