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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment limiting to two the number of consecutive terms for which a person may be elected or appointed to hold certain state offices.

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

SECTION 1. Article IV, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 2a to read as follows:

Sec. 2a. (a) A person who has been elected or appointed to serve two consecutive terms in an office listed in Section 1 of this article or any other office of state government that is voted on statewide, other than a statewide judicial office, is not eligible for election or appointment to serve a third consecutive term in that office. This provision does not limit a person's eligibility for election or appointment to serve nonconsecutive terms.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits a person from continuing to serve in an office covered by this section after the end of a term as a holdover under Section 17, Article XVI, of this constitution until a successor is qualified.

(c) The term of a person appointed to serve for the remainder of a term to fill a vacancy in a statewide office is not counted in determining whether a person is eligible to serve under Subsection (a) of this section.

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

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies

to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2017, limiting to two the number of consecutive terms for which a person may be elected or appointed to hold certain state offices.

(b) A term of office that begins before January 1, 2018, is not counted in determining whether a person is eligible to serve under Section 2a, Article IV, of this constitution.

(c) This temporary provision expires February 1, 2035.

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment limiting to two the number of consecutive terms for which a person may be elected or appointed to hold the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of the General Land Office, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, or railroad commissioner."