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S.B. No. 110

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to term limits for elected officers of political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 601, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 601.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 601.010. ADOPTION OF TERM LIMIT FOR CERTAIN LOCAL OFFICERS REQUIRED. (a) The governing body of a political subdivision shall adopt a limit on the number of terms that a person may serve for each elected office of that subdivision as provided by this section.

(b) The term limit adopted under this section must ensure that a person may not serve longer than 12 years in an office, regardless of whether the person serves consecutive terms.

(c) Service in the same office for a different precinct or place is counted toward the limit described by Subsection (b).

(c-1) A term that begins before January 1, 2019, is not counted in determining whether a person is eligible to serve as an officer of a political subdivision. This subsection expires February 1, 2035.

(c-2) A political subdivision shall establish the term limits as required by Subsection (a) not later than January 1, 2018. This subsection expires January 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on the date on which the

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1 constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature, Regular
2 Session, 2017, requiring a political subdivision of this state to
3 limit the number of terms for which a person may be elected to hold
4 an office of the political subdivision is approved by the voters.
5 If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no
6 effect.