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JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit a person from being placed on a ballot as a candidate for public office if the person has an outstanding financial obligation payable to the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

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

Sec. 2-a.  Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, a person is ineligible to be placed on a ballot as a candidate for public office if on the date the person files to be placed on the ballot the person has an outstanding financial obligation payable to the Texas Ethics Commission.

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 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, to prohibit a person from being placed on a ballot as a candidate for public office if the person has an outstanding financial obligation payable to the Texas Ethics Commission.

(b)  Section 2-a, Article XVI, of this constitution takes effect January 1, 2022, and applies only to an election the filing period for which begins on or after that date.

(c)  This temporary provision expires January 1, 2023.

SECTION 3.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting a person from being placed on a ballot as a candidate for public office if the person has an outstanding financial obligation payable to the Texas Ethics Commission."