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H.J.R. No. 101

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the time that a
2 person may serve as a member of the Texas Legislature or as a
3 statewide elected officer in the executive branch to 12 consecutive
4 years.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
7 adding Section 7a to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7a. (a) A person may not serve more than 12
9 consecutive years as a member of the house of representatives.

10 (b) A person may not serve more than 12 consecutive years as
11 a member of the senate.

12 (c) A person is not eligible to be elected to office if the
13 person's service during the term of office would violate Subsection
14 (a) or (b) of this section.

15 (d) The limitation provided by Subsection (a) of this
16 section applies to consecutive service in the same elective office.
17 Service in more than one elective office is not added together for
18 purposes of Subsection (a) of this section.

19 (e) Legislative service before the legislature convenes in
20 regular session in 2023 is not counted in determining whether a
21 person is disqualified from office under this section. This
22 subsection expires January 1, 2036.

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

1 Sec. 2a. (a) A person may not serve more than 12
2 consecutive years in an elective office listed in Section 1 of this
3 article or any other state office elected by the voters at a
4 statewide election, other than a judicial office.

5 (b) A person is not eligible to be elected to office if the
6 person's service during the term of office would violate Subsection
7 (a) of this section.

8 (c) The limitation provided by Subsection (a) of this
9 section applies to consecutive service in the same elective office.
10 Service in more than one elective office is not added together for
11 purposes of Subsection (a) of this section.

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

16 (e) Service in office before January 17, 2023, does not
17 count for purposes of determining whether a person is disqualified
18 from office under this section. This subsection expires January 1,
19 2032.

20 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
22 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
23 following proposition: "The constitutional amendment to limit the
24 time that a person may serve as a member of the Texas Legislature or
25 as a statewide elected officer in the executive branch to 12
26 consecutive years."