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H.J.R. No. 128

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a student member
2 of the board of regents of a public institution of higher education
3 or public university system to serve a term that differs from the
4 terms served by the other members of the board.

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

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

8 Sec. 30a. (a) The Legislature may provide by law that the
9 governing boards of public institutions of higher education or
10 public university systems [~~Board of Regents of the State~~
11 ~~University~~] and boards of trustees or managers of the other
12 educational, eleemosynary, and penal institutions of the State, and
13 such boards as have been, or may hereafter be established by law,
14 may be composed of an odd number of three or more members who serve
15 for a term of six (6) years, with one-third, or as near as one-third
16 as possible, of the members of such boards to be elected or
17 appointed every two (2) years in such manner as the Legislature may
18 determine; vacancies in such offices to be filled as may be provided
19 by law, and the Legislature shall enact suitable laws to give effect
20 to this section.

21 (b) The Legislature may provide by law that a board required
22 by this constitution be composed of members of any number divisible
23 by three (3) who serve for a term of six (6) years, with one-third of
24 the members elected or appointed every two (2) years.

1 (c) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b) of this
2 section, the Legislature may provide that a position on the
3 governing board of a public institution of higher education or
4 public university system that by law must be held by a student of
5 the institution or system at the time of appointment may have a term
6 that is shorter than the terms of the other members of the board.

7 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
8 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
9 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
10 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a student
11 member of the board of regents of a public institution of higher
12 education or public university system to serve a shorter term than
13 the six-year terms served by the other members of the board."