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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring payment of child
2 support to be eligible to hold certain public elective offices.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 6, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 6. To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or
7 appointed to, the office of [~~No person shall be a~~] Senator, a person
8 must:

9 (1) [~~unless he~~] be a citizen of the United States;

10 (2) be, [and, at the time of the person's [~~his~~]
11 election or appointment, a qualified voter of this State;

12 (3) [~~, and shall~~] have been a resident of this State
13 for the five years [~~next~~] preceding the [~~his~~] election or
14 appointment;

15 (4) have been [~~, and the last year thereof~~] a resident
16 of the district for which the person would serve as a Senator for
17 the year preceding the election or appointment;

18 (5) be at least 26 [~~he shall be chosen, and shall have~~
19 ~~attained the age of twenty-six~~] years of age; and

20 (6) have paid all child support due and payable by the
21 person unless:

22 (A) the person has made all due payments under a
23 payment plan; or

24 (B) the child support due is being contested or

1 negotiated.

2 SECTION 2. Section 7, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 7. To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or
5 appointed to, the office of [~~No person shall be a~~] Representative, a
6 person must:

7 (1) [~~unless he~~] be a citizen of the United States;

8 (2) be, [~~and,~~] at the time of the person's [~~his~~]
9 election or appointment, a qualified voter of this State;

10 (3) [~~, and shall~~] have been a resident of this State
11 for the two years [~~next~~] preceding the [~~his~~] election or
12 appointment;

13 (4) have been [~~, the last year thereof~~] a resident of
14 the district for which the person would serve as a Representative
15 for the year preceding the election or appointment;

16 (5) be at least 21 [~~he shall be chosen, and shall have~~
17 ~~attained the age of twenty-one~~] years of age; and

18 (6) have paid all child support due and payable by the
19 person unless:

20 (A) the person has made all due payments under a
21 payment plan; or

22 (B) the child support due is being contested or
23 negotiated.

24 SECTION 3. Section 4, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 4. The Governor elected at the general election [~~in~~
27 ~~1974, and thereafter,~~] shall be installed on the first Tuesday

1 after the organization of the Legislature, or as soon thereafter as
2 practicable, and shall hold that [~~his~~] office for the term of four
3 years, or until the Governor's [~~his~~] successor shall be duly
4 installed. To be eligible to be a candidate for or elected to the
5 office of Governor, a person must:

6 (1) [~~He shall~~] be at least thirty years of age;

7 (2) be [~~7~~] a citizen of the United States;

8 (3) have been a resident of [~~7~~, ~~and shall have resided~~
9 ~~in~~] this State for the [~~at least~~] five years immediately preceding
10 the [~~his~~] election; and

11 (4) have paid all child support due and payable by the
12 person unless:

13 (A) the person has made all due payments under a
14 payment plan; or

15 (B) the child support due is being contested or
16 negotiated.

17 SECTION 4. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring payment of
21 child support to be eligible to hold certain public elective
22 offices."