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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 ~~[No person shall be]~~ a Senator,  
7 a person must:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 7. To be eligible to be ~~[No person shall be]~~ a Representative, a person must:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. The Governor elected at the general election ~~[in 1974, and thereafter,~~ shall be installed on the first Tuesday after the organization of the Legislature, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall hold that ~~[his]~~ office for the term of four

1 years, or until the Governor's [~~his~~] successor shall be duly  
2 installed. To be eligible to be Governor, a person must:

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

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

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

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

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

12 (B) the child support due is being contested or  
13 negotiated.

14 SECTION 4. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
16 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring payment of  
18 child support to be eligible to hold the office of state  
19 representative, state senator, or governor."