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H.J.R. No. 95

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, a statewide
3 elected officer in the executive branch, or a state employee in the
4 legislative or executive branch of state government.

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 is not eligible to be elected to the
9 house of representatives if, before the date of the election, the
10 person has served as a member of the house for eight whole regular
11 sessions of the legislature.

12 (b) A person is not eligible to be elected to the senate if,
13 before the date of the election, the person has served as a member
14 of the senate for eight whole regular sessions of the legislature.
15 This subsection does not prohibit a person who has served as a
16 member of the senate for seven whole regular sessions of the
17 legislature from being elected to or serving a four-year term in the
18 senate even though at the end of that term the person will have
19 served for more than eight whole regular sessions.

20 (c) A person is not eligible to be elected to the house of
21 representatives or the senate if, before the date of election, the
22 person has served in either chamber of the legislature for 12 whole
23 regular sessions of the legislature. This section does not
24 prohibit a person who has served in either chamber of the

1 legislature for 11 whole regular sessions of the legislature from
2 being elected to or serving a four-year term in the senate even
3 though at the end of that term the person will have served for more
4 than 12 whole regular sessions.

5 (d) For purposes of this section, a person is considered to
6 have served for one whole regular session of the legislature for
7 every two years the person served in an elective office listed in
8 Section 1, Article IV, of this constitution or any other state
9 office elected by the voters at a statewide election other than a
10 judicial office. For purposes of this subsection, "year" means 12
11 consecutive months.

12 (e) Legislative service before the legislature convenes in
13 regular session in 2027 is not counted in determining whether a
14 person is disqualified from election to office under this section.
15 Service in an elective office listed in Section 1, Article IV, of
16 this constitution, or service in any other state office elected by
17 the voters at a statewide election other than a judicial office,
18 whose term of office is completed on or before January 1, 2027, is
19 not counted in determining whether a person is disqualified from
20 election to office under this section.

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

23 Sec. 2a. (a) In this section, "year" means 12 consecutive
24 months.

25 (b) A person is not eligible to be elected to an elective
26 office listed in Section 1 of this article or to any other state
27 office elected by the voters at a statewide election, other than a

1 judicial office, if on or before the date the person will begin to
2 serve in that office the person will have served for a total of 16 or
3 more years in those offices.

4 (c) For purposes of this section, a person is considered to
5 have served for two years in an office described by Subsection (b)
6 of this section for each whole regular session the person served as
7 a representative or senator in the legislature.

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

12 (e) Service in office before January 1, 2027, does not count
13 for purposes of determining whether a person is disqualified from
14 office under this section.

15 SECTION 3. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
16 adding Section 74 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 74. The legislature by general law shall prohibit any
18 state employee from serving for a total of more than 24 years in the
19 legislative or executive branch of state government.

20 SECTION 4. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
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, a
25 statewide elected officer in the executive branch, or a state
26 employee in the legislative or executive branch of state
27 government."