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H.J.R. No. 110

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 110:

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the filing of  
2 required political funding reports and personal financial  
3 statements to be eligible to hold certain public elective offices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (6) have filed each political funding report or  
22 personal financial statement required by law before the date the  
23 person becomes ineligible under general law as a result of the  
24 person's failure to timely file the report or statement.

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

Sec. 7. To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of ~~[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 filed each political funding report or personal financial statement required by law before the date the person becomes ineligible under general law as a result of the person's failure to timely file the report or statement.

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 years, or until the Governor's ~~[his]~~ successor shall be duly

1 installed. To be eligible to be a candidate for or elected to the  
2 office of 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 filed each political funding report or  
9 personal financial statement required by law before the date the  
10 person becomes ineligible under general law as a result of the  
11 person's failure to timely file the report or statement.

12 SECTION 4. Section 2(b), Article V, Texas Constitution, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (b) To [~~No person shall~~] be eligible to be a candidate for,  
15 or elected or appointed to, [~~serve in~~] the office of Chief Justice  
16 or Justice of the Supreme Court, a [~~unless the~~] person must:

17 (1) be [~~is~~] licensed to practice law in the State of  
18 Texas;

19 (2) be [~~is~~], at the time of the person's election or  
20 appointment, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the  
21 State of Texas;

22 (3) be at least 35 [~~has attained the age of~~  
23 thirty-five] years of age;

24 (4) have [~~has~~] been either:

25 (A) a practicing lawyer licensed in the State of  
26 Texas for at least ten years; or

27 (B) a practicing lawyer licensed in the State of

1 Texas and judge of a state court or county court established by the  
2 Legislature by statute for a combined total of at least ten years;  
3 ~~[and]~~

4 (5) during the time required by Subdivision (4) of  
5 this subsection, have ~~[has]~~ not had the person's license to  
6 practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated  
7 suspension; and

8 (6) have filed each political funding report or  
9 personal financial statement required by law before the date the  
10 person becomes ineligible under general law as a result of the  
11 person's failure to timely file the report or statement.

12 SECTION 5. Section 7(b), Article V, Texas Constitution, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (b) Each district judge shall be elected by the qualified  
15 voters at a General Election. To be eligible for appointment or  
16 election as a district judge, a person must:

17 (1) be a citizen of the United States and a resident of  
18 this State;

19 (2) be licensed to practice law in this State;

20 (3) have been a practicing lawyer or a Judge of a Court  
21 in this State, or both combined, for eight years next preceding the  
22 judge's election, during which time the judge's license to practice  
23 law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated  
24 suspension;

25 (4) have resided in the district in which the judge was  
26 elected for two years next preceding the election; ~~[and]~~

27 (5) reside in the district during the judge's term of

1 office; and

2           (6) have filed each political funding report or  
3 personal financial statement required by law before the date the  
4 person becomes ineligible under general law as a result of the  
5 person's failure to timely file the report or statement.

6           SECTION 6. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.  
8 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
9 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the filing of  
10 required political funding reports and personal financial  
11 statements to be eligible to hold certain public elective offices."