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H.J.R. No. 191

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring automatic
2 resignation of a city council member or member of the board of
3 trustees of a school district who becomes a candidate for the
4 legislature or the United States Congress.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 11, Article XI, Texas Constitution, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) A city council member serving any length of term of
9 office is subject to Section 65(b), Article XVI, of this
10 constitution, in the same manner as a county or district officer to
11 which that section applies, if the member announces the member's
12 candidacy in an election for the Texas Senate, Texas House of
13 Representatives, or United States Congress.

14 SECTION 2. Section 65, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 65. (a) This section applies to the following
17 offices: District Clerks; County Clerks; County Judges; Judges of
18 the County Courts at Law, County Criminal Courts, County Probate
19 Courts and County Domestic Relations Courts; County Treasurers;
20 Criminal District Attorneys; County Surveyors; County
21 Commissioners; Justices of the Peace; Sheriffs; Assessors and
22 Collectors of Taxes; District Attorneys; County Attorneys; Public
23 Weighers; ~~and~~ Constables; and Members of the Board of Trustees of
24 a School District.

1 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) of this section, if
2 ~~[If]~~ any of the officers named herein shall announce their
3 candidacy, or shall in fact become a candidate, in any General,
4 Special or Primary Election, for any office of profit or trust under
5 the laws of this State or the United States other than the office
6 then held, at any time when the unexpired term of the office then
7 held shall exceed one year and 30 days, such announcement or such
8 candidacy shall constitute an automatic resignation of the office
9 then held, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled pursuant
10 to law in the same manner as other vacancies for such office are
11 filled.

12 (c) A member of the board of trustees of a school district is
13 only subject to Subsection (b) of this section if the member
14 announces the member's candidacy in an election for the Texas
15 Senate, Texas House of Representatives, or United States Congress.

16 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
18 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring automatic
20 resignation of a city council member or member of the board of
21 trustees of a school district who becomes a candidate for the
22 legislature or the United States Congress."