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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the time that a person may serve as a member of the Texas Legislature or as a statewide elected officer in the executive branch to 12 consecutive years.

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

SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 7a to read as follows:

Sec. 7a. (a) A person may not serve more than 12 consecutive years as a member of the house of representatives.

(b) A person may not serve more than 12 consecutive years as a member of the senate.

(c) A person is not eligible to be elected to office if the person's service during the term of office would violate Subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

(d) The limitations provided by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section apply to consecutive service in the same elective office. Service in more than one elective office is not added together for purposes of Subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

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

(f) Legislative service before the legislature convenes in regular session in 2027 is not counted in determining whether a

person is disqualified from office under this section. This subsection expires January 1, 2038.

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

Sec. 2a. (a) A person may not serve more than 12 consecutive years in an elective office listed in Section 1 of this article or any other state office elected by the voters at a statewide election, other than a judicial office.

(b) A person is not eligible to be elected to office if the person's service during the term of office would violate Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The limitation provided by Subsection (a) of this section applies to consecutive service in the same elective office. Service in more than one elective office is not added together for purposes of Subsection (a) of this section.

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

(e) Service in office before January 19, 2027, does not count for purposes of determining whether a person is disqualified from office under this section. This subsection expires January 1, 2036.

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2027. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the following proposition: "The constitutional amendment to limit the

time that a person may serve as a member of the Texas Legislature or as a statewide elected officer in the executive branch to 12 consecutive years."