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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment limiting service as a member of the Texas House of Representatives or Texas Senate to eight years during any 16-year period.

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 as a member of the house of representatives for more than eight years during any period of 16 consecutive years.

(b) A person may not serve as a member of the senate for more than eight years during any period of 16 consecutive years.

(c) The limitation prescribed by Subsection (a) or (b), as applicable, may not be implemented with respect to a person who is a member of that chamber on January 1, 2028, unless and until the person Ceases to be a member of that chamber.

(d) For purposes of Subsection (c), continuous service is not interrupted by re-election, service as a holdover, or a change in the number or boundaries of the legislative district from which the person is elected.

(e) If a person whose service was exempt under Subsection (c) subsequently returns to serve in that chamber, the limitation prescribed by this section applies to the person, but service occurring before the person's return is not counted.

(f) Service occurring before January 1, 2028, may not be

counted in determining a person's eligibility under this section.

(g) A person is not eligible to be elected to a chamber of the legislature if, assuming the person serves the entire term of office for which election is sought, the person's service during that term would cause the person to exceed the limitation prescribed by Subsection (a) or (b), as applicable.

(h) Service in the house of representatives and service in the senate are calculated separately and may not be combined in determining a person's eligibility under this section.

(i) In calculating service under this section:

(1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), service for an unexpired term to fill a vacancy is counted according to the actual period served;

(2) service for an unexpired term to fill a vacancy is not counted if the period served is less than one-half of the regular term of the office;

(3) a person who resigns before the expiration of a term, other than an unexpired term excluded under Subdivision (2), is considered to have served through the date on which that term would otherwise expire; and

(4) service after the expiration of a term as a holdover under Section 17, Article XVI, of this constitution is not counted.

(j) The legislature may enact laws necessary to administer and enforce this section.

SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 90th Legislature, Regular Session, 2027, limiting service as a member of the Texas House of Representatives or Texas Senate to eight years during any 16-year period.

(b) Section 7a, Article III, of this constitution, as added by the amendment, takes effect January 1, 2028.

(c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2029.

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 permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment limiting a person to eight years of service in the Texas House of Representatives or Texas Senate during any 16-year period, with separate limits for each chamber and an exemption for the continuous service of members holding office on January 1, 2028."