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H.J.R. No. 37

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing that a person
2 holding a statewide elective office automatically vacates office on
3 announcing a candidacy or becoming a candidate for another elective
4 office before December 1 of the last full odd-numbered year of the
5 person's term of office.

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

7 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
8 adding Section 65-a to read as follows:

9 Sec. 65-a. If a person who holds a statewide elective office
10 announces the person's candidacy, or in fact becomes a candidate,
11 in any general, special, or primary election for any office of
12 profit or trust under the laws of this State or the United States
13 other than the office then held at any time before December 1 of the
14 last full odd-numbered year before the term of office then held
15 expires, that announcement or candidacy constitutes an automatic
16 resignation from the office then held.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
19 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that a person
21 holding a statewide elective office automatically vacates office on
22 announcing a candidacy or becoming a candidate for another elective
23 office before December 1 of the last full odd-numbered year of the
24 person's term of office."