

# **RICK DAVIS CAMPAIGN**

**ELECT RICK DAVIS**

**for Representative, District 14**

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## **RICK DAVIS, CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14, COMMITTS TO FILING LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR TERM LIMITS FOR ALL ELECTED OFFICEHOLDERS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

[BRYAN, TEXAS]— ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010, CANDIDATE RICK DAVIS PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO FILING LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR TERM LIMITS IF HE IS ELECTED TO THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 14.

AT A CANDIDATE FORUM SPONSORED BY *WTAW* AND THE BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION *EAGLE* ON JANUARY 25, 2010, DAVIS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR TERM LIMITS. NOW, HE HAS “PUT HIS MONEY WHERE HIS MOUTH IS” AND PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO FILING A BILL FOR TERM LIMITS AS HIS FIRST OFFICIAL BILL TO BE FILED AS A LEGISLATOR, IF ELECTED.

WHAT IS UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS POLITICAL PROMISE IS THAT DAVIS HAS ALREADY DRAFTED THE BILL. (A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF HIS PROPOSED TERM LIMITS BILL IS ATTACHED). THE BILL PROVIDES FOR TERM LIMITS WHICH VARY BASED ON THE LENGTH OF THE OFFICEHOLDER’S TERM OF OFFICE. THE LONGEST CONSECUTIVE PERIOD OF TIME AN OFFICE HOLDER COULD SERVE UNDER DAVIS’ PROPOSAL WOULD BE TWELVE YEARS. AN OFFICEHOLDER COULD RUN FOR THE SAME OFFICE AGAIN AFTER SITTING OUT FOR ONE TERM.

THE BILL CONTAINS A GRANDFATHER CLAUSE PRECLUDING ITS LIMITATION ON OFFICEHOLDERS WHO ARE IN OFFICE WHEN THE LAW TAKES EFFECT.

REGARDING THAT PROVISION AND THE LENGTH OF LIMITATIONS, DAVIS STATES, “The grandfather clause was included as a matter of sheer pragmatism. I want no legislator to have any reason to take issue with this bill. I’ll leave it to current officeholders to decide when to conclude their service. Regarding the lengths of term limits, I am mindful that some might want shorter term limits. However, under Texas’ current retirement system, the length of time to vest was increased from five years to ten on September 1, 2001. Providing for a total term limit shorter than ten years would require a revamping of the State’s retirement system. I am hoping that the fiscal note to this bill as written will state that there will be no adverse impact to the State’s already tight budget with its enactment.”

INCUMBENT FRED BROWN WAS AT THE SAME CANDIDATE FORUM AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR TERM LIMITS. ALTHOUGH HE SUGGESTED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE TERMS, HE IS SEEKING A SEVENTH TERM OF OFFICE.

THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS A PROVISION THAT THE BILL’S AUTHOR (I.E. DAVIS) WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE. DAVIS STATES, “I have no intention of serving more than five terms, if elected. I believe that people should rotate out of office after a time for the benefit of all.”

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