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H. B. No. _____

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to term limits for elected officeholders.

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

SECTION 1. Section 141.005, Election Code, is created and reads as follows:

§ 141.005 Limitation on Consecutive Terms of Office

(a) A person who has served five consecutive popular elective terms of office where the term for the office is two years shall be ineligible to serve in that office for the term immediately following the fifth of the five consecutive popular elective terms.

(b) A person who has served four consecutive popular elective terms of office where the term for the office is three years shall be ineligible to serve in that office for the term immediately following the fourth of the four consecutive popular elective terms.

(c) A person who has served three consecutive popular elective

terms of office where the term for the office is four years shall be ineligible to serve in that office for the term immediately following the third of the three consecutive popular elective terms.

(d) A person who has served two consecutive popular elective terms of office where the term for the office is six years shall be ineligible to serve in that office for the term immediately following the second of the two consecutive popular elective terms.

(e) Nothing in this statute shall prevent any political subdivision of the State of Texas from enacting an ordinance providing for a shorter limitation on consecutive terms in office for that political subdivision.

(f) If an officeholder has been appointed to fill an unexpired term of an elective office, for purposes of calculating consecutive terms in subsections (a) through (d) above, the officeholder's service for the unexpired term shall be treated as if the officeholder served the entire term.

(g) The provisions of this statute shall apply to all elected officeholders in the State of Texas and in every political subdivision thereof.

SECTION 2. This statute shall not apply to any elected officeholder in office on the effective date of this statute.

SECTION 3. The grandfather clause in SECTION 2 of this act shall not inure to the benefit of the author of this bill.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

SECTION 5. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.