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Summary: Eligibility to hold elective office

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EXCEPT DURING THE FINAL YEAR OF THE TERM BEING SERVED, NO INCUMBENT ELECTIVE OFFICEHOLDER MAY OFFER FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO ANOTHER LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 1, Article VI of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding the following new sentence at the end:

“Except during the final year of the term being served, no incumbent elective officeholder may offer for nomination or election to another local, state, or federal elective office.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment in Section 1 must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 1, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, relating to eligibility to hold elective office, be amended so as to provide that except during the final year of the term being served, no incumbent elective officeholder may offer for nomination or election to another local, state, or federal elective office?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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