

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.J.R. 72  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, an appointed municipal judge may hold a municipal judge office in multiple cities. However, an elected municipal judge may not hold another municipal judge office. H.J.R. 72 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow municipal judges to serve as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time.

H.J.R. 72 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 40, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Authorizes a person, notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (c) of this section (Holding More Than One Public Office; Exceptions; Right of Officeholder to Vote), to hold more than one office as an elected or appointed municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time.

SECTION 2. Requires that this proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019. Sets forth the required language of the ballot.