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Re: Request for an Opinion Regarding the Applicability of Art. I, section 16 of the Texas Constitution to a Change in the Term of Public Office

Dear General Abbott:

Pursuant to Sec. 402.042, TEX. GOV'T CODE, I would like to request an opinion on the following issue:

Do the anti-retroactivity provisions of Art. I, section 16 of the Texas Constitution affect a change in the length of a term of public office?

The underlying matter at issue is of great importance to the interested parties and could impact the calling of an election for May 2006. As such, I respectfully request your expedited consideration of the question and the issuance of an opinion on or before February 10, 2006.

It is my understanding that the interested parties will be submitting briefs on their respective sides of the issues pursuant to the rules of your office that govern the submission of such briefs.

Please let me know have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

*Ray Allen*  
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