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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to
2 operate video lotteries.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 47, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting lotteries
8 and gift enterprises in this State other than those authorized by
9 Subsections (b), (d), ~~[and]~~ (e), and (f) of this section.

10 (f) For purposes of Subsection (e) of this section, a
11 lottery may include a game of chance that is played by a single
12 individual on an electronic machine or video display and in which
13 the individual player may win a thing of value each time the game is
14 played or conducted. The State may enter into a contract with one
15 or more legal entities, including an Indian tribe recognized by the
16 United States under federal law, to operate lottery games described
17 by this subsection on behalf of the State, and may permit the entity
18 operating the games to retain a portion of the net proceeds from the
19 games.

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held _____,
22 2004. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against
23 the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
24 state to operate video lottery games as part of the state lottery

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1 and to contract with federally recognized Indian tribes and other
2 entities to operate video lottery games for the state."