

By: Wilson

H.J.R. No. 31

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature  
2 to authorize the state to operate a casino at a publicly owned  
3 sports venue or facility in Harris County and conduct games of  
4 chance at that casino to fund public education.

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

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

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

12 (f) The Legislature by general law may authorize the State  
13 to operate a casino at or immediately adjoining a publicly owned  
14 sports venue or facility in Harris County designated by the  
15 Legislature and to conduct games of chance at that casino, but only  
16 if, at the statewide election at which the constitutional amendment  
17 to add this subsection to the constitution is submitted to the  
18 voters of this State, a majority of the voters of Harris County  
19 voting on the question at that election favor the amendment. Net  
20 revenue from casino gaming at a casino operated under this section  
21 must be used to support public education.

22 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
24 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the

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1 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the  
2 legislature to authorize the state to operate a casino at a publicly  
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4 of chance at that casino to fund public education."