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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to allow wineries in this  
2 state to sell and dispense certain wine.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 20, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is  
5 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

6 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b) of this section, a  
7 winery authorized under general law to operate in this state,  
8 regardless of whether the winery is located in an area in which the  
9 possession or sale of intoxicating liquors is restricted or  
10 prohibited, may sell wine for consumption on or off the winery  
11 premises or dispense wine without charge, for tasting purposes, for  
12 consumption on the winery premises. This section applies only if  
13 the wine is manufactured in this state and at least 75 percent of  
14 its volume is derived from fermented juice of grapes grown in this  
15 state.

16 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.  
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
19 proposition: "A constitutional amendment to allow wineries in this  
20 state to sell Texas wine on the wineries' premises and to dispense  
21 Texas wine without charge for tasting on the wineries' premises."