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H.J.R. No. 63

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing state video
2 lottery games that may be operated by licensed racetrack operators
3 or recognized Indian tribes.

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

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

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

11 (f) The Legislature by general law may authorize the State
12 to operate video lottery games and to contract with one or more of
13 the following legal entities to operate video lottery games on
14 behalf of the State:

15 (1) a person licensed in this State to conduct
16 wagering on a horse race or greyhound race; or

17 (2) an Indian tribe recognized by the United States
18 government under federal law.

19 (g) For purposes of Subsection (f) of this section, "video
20 lottery game" means any game of chance, including a game of chance
21 in which the outcome may be partially determined by skill or
22 ability, that for consideration may be played by an individual on an
23 electronic machine or video display, regardless of whether the game
24 is authorized as a lottery under Subsection (e) of this section.

1 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
3 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
4 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing state
5 video lottery games that may be operated by licensed racetrack
6 operators or recognized Indian tribes."