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S.J.R. No. 29

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the operation of  
2 video lottery games on behalf of the state by persons licensed to  
3 operate the games in counties or municipalities in which the voters  
4 have approved the operation of the games.

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 Subsections (f) and  
8 (g) to 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 a person  
13 licensed by the State for that purpose to operate video lottery  
14 games on behalf of the State as a form of lottery authorized by  
15 Subsection (e) of this section in counties or municipalities in  
16 which the voters have approved the operation of the games.

17 (g) For purposes of Subsection (f) of this section, "video  
18 lottery game" means a game of chance that may be played for  
19 consideration by an individual on an electronic machine or video  
20 display and in which the player may win a thing of value each time  
21 the game is played.

22 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.  
24 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the

1 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
2 operation of video lottery games on behalf of the state by persons  
3 licensed to operate video lottery games in counties or  
4 municipalities in which the voters have approved the operation of  
5 the games."