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H.J.R. No. 85

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a contract with an  
2 entity to operate the state lottery to be approved by a majority of  
3 the members of each house of the legislature.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 47(e), Article III, Texas Constitution,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (e) The Legislature by general law may authorize the State  
8 to operate lotteries and may authorize the State to enter into a  
9 contract with one or more legal entities that will operate  
10 lotteries on behalf of the State. A contract authorizing an entity  
11 to operate lotteries on behalf of the State, including the renewal  
12 of an existing contract, must be approved by a resolution approved  
13 by a majority of the members of each house of the Legislature before  
14 the contract can take effect and be enforceable.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.  
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring a contract to  
19 authorize an entity to operate the state lottery on behalf of the  
20 state to be approved by a majority of the members of each house of  
21 the legislature."