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H.J.R. No. 37

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue from  
2 the state lottery to certain public school purposes.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 47, Article III, Texas Constitution, is  
5 amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to  
6 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. All money received by the State  
11 from the operation of lotteries, other than amounts paid or  
12 reserved for lottery prizes and administrative costs, shall be  
13 deposited in the state treasury. The money is dedicated to and may  
14 be expended only for the enrichment of the educational programs of  
15 the public primary and secondary schools and only for items that  
16 directly benefit classroom teaching, including teacher  
17 compensation and the acquisition of textbooks and educational  
18 supplies, materials, equipment, and services.

19 (f) An advertisement or promotion sponsored by the State or  
20 a holder of a license issued by the State and related to the  
21 operation of a lottery authorized by Subsection (e) of this section  
22 may not encourage or attempt to influence a person to purchase a  
23 lottery ticket or number for the purpose of supporting or providing  
24 additional funds to public primary or secondary schools.

1           SECTION 2.   This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
3 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
4 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue  
5 from the state lottery to support classroom teaching in the public  
6 schools."