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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 to offset other  
3 revenue used for that purpose.

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 (e) and adding Subsection (f) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (e) The Legislature by general law may authorize the State  
9 to operate lotteries and may authorize the State to enter into a  
10 contract with one or more legal entities that will operate  
11 lotteries on behalf of the State. All money received by the State  
12 from the operation of lotteries, other than amounts paid for  
13 lottery prizes and administrative costs, shall be deposited in the  
14 state treasury. The money is dedicated to and may be expended only  
15 for the enrichment of the educational programs of the public  
16 primary and secondary schools and only for items that directly  
17 benefit classroom teaching, including teacher compensation and the  
18 acquisition of textbooks and educational supplies, materials,  
19 equipment, and services. The amount of money dedicated by this  
20 subsection and appropriated each fiscal biennium shall result in an  
21 equal reduction in the amount of general revenue funds that would  
22 otherwise have been allocated for public school purposes.

23 (f) An advertisement or promotion sponsored by the State or  
24 a holder of a license issued by the State and related to the

1 operation of a lottery authorized by Subsection (e) of this section  
2 may not encourage or attempt to influence a person to purchase a  
3 lottery ticket or number for the purpose of supporting or providing  
4 additional funds to public primary or secondary schools.

5       SECTION 2.   This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
6 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
7 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
8 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue  
9 from the state lottery to support classroom teaching in the public  
10 schools and to offset other revenue used for that purpose."