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H.J.R. No. 107

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to authorize and provide for regulating the conduct of gaming in
3 this state and requiring the governor to call the legislature into
4 special session to consider gaming legislation.

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 (f-1) 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 shall establish a full
13 time state gaming commission and to authorize and provide for
14 regulating the conduct of one or more types of gaming, including
15 casino gaming, in this State to be located:

16 (1) on barrier islands adjacent to counties located
17 along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico;

18 (2) on lands held in trust by the United States in El
19 Paso County, Texas for the benefit of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, a
20 federally recognized Indian tribe, and lands held in trust by the
21 United States in Polk County, Texas for the benefit of the
22 Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, a federally recognized Indian tribe that
23 another federally recognized Indian tribe that owns or controls
24 federally recognized tribal land in this State is authorized by

1 state or federal law to conduct on that tribal land;

2 (3) a location with an existing pari-mutuel license;

3 (4) a municipality with a population of 675,000 or
4 greater.

5 (f-1) Not later than June 1, 2010, the governor shall call
6 the Legislature into special session for a period not to exceed 30
7 days for the sole purpose of considering and enacting laws to
8 implement Subsection (f) of this section. This subsection expires
9 January 1, 2011.

10 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.
12 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
13 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
14 legislature to establish a full time state gaming commission and to
15 authorize and provide for regulating the conduct of gaming in this
16 state to be located on barrier islands of counties adjacent to the
17 Gulf of Mexico, lands held by federally recognized Indian tribes,
18 locations that have an existing gaming license, and municipalities
19 with populations of 675,000 or greater and requiring the governor
20 to call the legislature into special session to consider gaming
21 legislation."