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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to legalize and regulate the conduct of gaming in this state in  
3 counties that by local option election approve the conduct of that  
4 gaming.

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 Subsection (f) to  
8 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 and  
13 regulate the conduct of one or more types of gaming in this State.  
14 Unless the conduct of a type of gaming in a particular county is  
15 otherwise authorized by law, a law enacted under this subsection  
16 must require an election that allows the qualified voters of the  
17 county to determine by a majority vote whether that type of gaming  
18 may be legally conducted in the county.

19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.  
21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
23 legislature to legalize and regulate the conduct of gaming in this  
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