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H.J.R. No. 147

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to legalize and regulate the conduct of gaming in this state and
3 authorizing the conduct of gaming by certain federally recognized
4 Indian tribes.

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

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

8 (a) The Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting lotteries
9 and gift enterprises in this State other than those authorized by
10 Subsections (b), (d), and (e) of this section and Section 47a of
11 this article.

12 SECTION 2. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
13 adding Section 47a to read as follows:

14 Sec. 47a. (a) The legislature may by general law authorize
15 and regulate the conduct of one or more types of gaming activity,
16 including slot machines or any other game of chance or similar
17 activity, at specific locations as provided by law, including
18 greyhound or horse race racetracks, destination resort casinos, or
19 the tribal lands of federally recognized Indian tribes. The
20 legislature may condition the approval of a gaming activity
21 authorized by this subsection in a defined area of the state on the
22 approval of the activity at a local option election held in the
23 area.

24 (b) The legislature shall establish a state agency to

1 administer any gaming activity authorized by Subsection (a) of this
2 section.

3 (c) The legislature may provide by general law for the
4 dedication of revenues received by the state or a local government
5 from a gaming activity authorized by this section.

6 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.
8 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
9 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
10 legislature to legalize and regulate the conduct of gaming in this
11 state and authorizing the conduct of gaming by certain federally
12 recognized Indian tribes."