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H.J.R. No. 59

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue from  
2 the state lottery to support educational programs that benefit  
3 classroom teaching in the state's public schools and to prohibit  
4 certain lottery advertisements and promotions.

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

9 (e) The Legislature by general law may authorize the State  
10 to operate lotteries and may authorize the State to enter into a  
11 contract with one or more legal entities that will operate  
12 lotteries on behalf of the State. All money received by the State  
13 from the operation of lotteries, other than amounts paid for  
14 administrative costs, unclaimed lottery prizes, and amounts paid  
15 for lottery prizes, is dedicated to and may be expended only for the  
16 enrichment of educational programs of the State's public primary  
17 and secondary schools and only for items that directly benefit  
18 classroom teaching, including teacher compensation and the  
19 acquisition of textbooks and educational supplies, materials,  
20 equipment, and services.

21 (f) An advertisement or promotion sponsored by the State or  
22 a holder of a license issued by the State and related to the  
23 operation of a lottery authorized by Subsection (e) of this section  
24 may not encourage or attempt to influence a person to purchase a

1 lottery ticket by stating that revenue generated from the sale of  
2 the ticket will be used to support or provide additional funds to  
3 the State's public primary or secondary schools.

4         SECTION 2.   This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
5 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.  
6 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
7 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue  
8 from the state lottery to support educational programs that benefit  
9 classroom teaching in the state's public schools and to prohibit  
10 advertisements and promotions that state the revenue generated by  
11 the sale of lottery tickets is used to financially assist public  
12 schools."