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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the authorization
2 or funding of an elementary or secondary education voucher program
3 or similar program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 7 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 7. (a) In this section, "private school" means a
8 nongovernmental educational establishment that exists for the
9 general education of elementary or secondary students.

10 (b) The legislature may not appropriate money for or
11 authorize a voucher program, education savings account, tax credit
12 scholarship program, or similar program under which state revenue
13 is used to pay all or any part of the costs of a student's attendance
14 at a private school.

15 (c) This section does not prohibit the use of state revenue
16 to pay all or any part of the costs of attendance at a private school
17 by a student with a disability if the student is entitled under
18 federal law to receive special education services in that manner at
19 no cost to the student.

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2018.
22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the
24 authorization or funding of a voucher program or similar program

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1 under which state revenue is used to pay the costs of a student's
2 attendance at a private elementary or secondary school."