## A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the operation of casino games in certain areas of this state by licensed persons to provide additional money for residual windstorm insurance coverage in the coastal areas; providing for certification or licensing of persons engaged in occupations related to casino gaming.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Section $47(\mathrm{a})$, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:
(a) The Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting lotteries and gift enterprises in this state other than those authorized by Subsections (b), (d), (d-1), and (e) of this section and by Section 47a of this article.

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

Sec. 47a. (a) The legislature by general law in accordance with this section shall authorize the operation of casino gaming in this state in which individuals for consideration play games of chance that award prizes and are operated by persons licensed or otherwise authorized by this state to conduct casino gaming to provide additional money for residual windstorm insurance coverage in the coastal areas. The law must:
(1) limit casino gaming operations in this state to gaming operated by persons licensed in this state to operate casino gaming at not more than nine licensed locations in areas of this

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state that are within 200 miles of the Gulf of Mexico;
    (2) provide:
    (A) a comprehensive certification or licensing
program, including necessary background investigations, to govern
a person that manages casino gaming operations in this state or that
maintains, manufactures, distributes, sells, or leases casino
games for use or play in this state;
    (B) procedures for the state agency responsible
for conducting criminal background investigations for the state to
provide criminal background information to the state agency
responsible for certification or licensing under Paragraph (A) of
this subdivision; and
    (C) procedures for the monitoring and inspection
of casino gaming operations as necessary to protect the public
health, welfare, and safety, to preserve the integrity of this
state and gaming operations in the state, and to prevent financial
loss to this state; and
(3) prohibit and impose criminal penalties for the possession and operation of all gaming devices other than devices operated in connection with authorized casino gaming operations or gaming devices otherwise authorized by state law.
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(b) In the general law enacted in accordance with Subsection (a) of this section, the legislature may designate the counties in which a casino gaming operator's license may be issued.
(c) All shipments of casino gaming equipment or other gaming devices into, out of, or within this state authorized under this section or a law enacted under this section are legal shipments of

1 the devices and are exempt from the provisions of 15 U.S.C. Sections
2 1171-1178 prohibiting the transportation of gambling devices.

4 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017. 5 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the operation of casino games in certain areas of this state by licensed persons to provide additional money for residual windstorm insurance coverage in the coastal areas."

