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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to legalize sports betting in this state.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 47, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) 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), and (f) of this section.

(f)  The legislature by law may authorize and regulate the placing of wagers on professional and collegiate sports.

SECTION 2.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to legalize sports betting in this state."