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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

(b)  The legislature may not appropriate money for or authorize a voucher program under which state or local public revenue is used to pay all or any part of the costs of a student's attendance at a private school.

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

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 prohibiting the authorization or funding of a voucher program for elementary or secondary education."