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H.J.R. No. 17

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the taxation of
2 the sale or use of certain prescription medicine.

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

4 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
5 adding Section 26 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 26. (a) The legislature may not enact a general law
7 that would impose a state tax on the sale or use of a prescription
8 medicine that was not subject to taxation under Chapter 151, Tax
9 Code, on January 1, 2019.

10 (b) This section does not prohibit the legislature from
11 imposing a tax on the sale or use of marijuana.

12 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
13 the Texas Constitution:

14 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
15 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature,
16 Regular Session, 2019, prohibiting the taxation of the sale or use
17 of certain prescription medicine.

18 (b) This temporary provision expires December 31, 2021.

19 (c) If the 86th Legislature, during the regular or a special
20 session, enacts a general law prohibited by Section 26, Article
21 VIII, of this constitution, the portion of the general law that
22 violates that section expires January 1, 2021.

23 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.

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1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the
3 taxation of the sale or use of certain prescription medicine."