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H.J.R. No. 18

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing local option
2 elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of eight-liners.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 47, Article III, Texas Constitution, is
5 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting lotteries
8 and gift enterprises in this State other than those authorized by
9 Subsections (b), (d), (d-1), ~~and~~ (e), and (f) of this section.

10 (f) The Legislature by law may authorize and regulate the
11 operation of gaming devices commonly known as eight-liners or
12 similar gaming devices. A law enacted under this subsection must
13 allow the qualified voters of any county, justice precinct, or
14 municipality to determine by a majority vote of the qualified
15 voters voting on the question at an election whether eight-liners
16 may be legally operated or prohibited in the county, justice
17 precinct, or municipality. The Legislature may impose a fee on
18 gaming devices approved by a majority of the voters or authorize a
19 political subdivision to impose a fee on the devices. The
20 Legislature may determine the rate of the fee and the allocation of
21 the revenue from the fee notwithstanding any other provision of
22 this Constitution governing the rate or allocation of occupations
23 taxes.

24 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

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1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing local
4 option elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of
5 eight-liners."