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H.J.R. No. 55

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue from
2 the state lottery to support educational programs that benefit
3 classroom teaching in the state's public schools and to prohibit
4 certain lottery advertisements and promotions.

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

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

9 (e) The Legislature by general law may authorize the State
10 to operate lotteries and may authorize the State to enter into a
11 contract with one or more legal entities that will operate
12 lotteries on behalf of the State. All money received by the State
13 from the operation of lotteries, other than amounts paid for
14 administrative costs, lottery prizes, and unclaimed lottery
15 prizes, is dedicated to and may be expended only for the enrichment
16 of educational programs of the State's public primary and secondary
17 schools and only for items that directly benefit classroom
18 teaching, including teacher compensation and the acquisition of
19 textbooks and educational supplies, materials, equipment, and
20 services.

21 (f) The State, a legal entity contracting with the State to
22 operate lotteries authorized by Subsection (e) of this section, or
23 a holder of a license issued by the State related to the operation
24 of a lottery authorized by that subsection may not sponsor an

1 advertisement or promotion that encourages or attempts to influence
2 a person to purchase a lottery ticket by stating the revenue
3 generated from the ticket sale will be used to support or provide
4 additional money for the State's public primary or secondary
5 schools.

6 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.
8 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
9 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue
10 from the state lottery to support educational programs that benefit
11 classroom teaching in the state's public schools and to prohibit
12 advertisements and promotions that state the revenue generated by
13 the sale of lottery tickets is used to financially assist public
14 schools."