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H.J.R. No. 85

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment requiring legislative  
2 approval of the historical narrative for certain exhibits featured  
3 at the Alamo or a museum owned or operated by the state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 68 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 68. (a) A state agency with jurisdiction or governance  
8 over the Alamo or a museum owned or operated by the state may not  
9 allow the Alamo or museum to feature an exhibit that has as its  
10 primary theme the history of the Alamo or this state unless the  
11 historical narrative for the exhibit is submitted in written form  
12 to the legislature and approved in a resolution adopted by a  
13 majority of the members of each house of the legislature.

14 (b) The legislature by general law may define the featured  
15 exhibits that are subject to Subsection (a) of this section and the  
16 procedures for submission and legislative approval of the  
17 historical narrative for the exhibits.

18 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
19 the Texas Constitution:

20 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies  
21 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature,  
22 Regular Session, 2019, requiring legislative approval of the  
23 historical narrative for certain exhibits featured at the Alamo or  
24 a museum owned or operated by the state.

1        (b) Section 68, Article III, of this constitution takes  
2 effect January 1, 2020.

3        (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2021.

4        SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
5 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.  
6 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
7 proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring legislative  
8 approval of the historical narrative for certain exhibits featured  
9 at the Alamo or a museum owned or operated by the state."