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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR18 by Raymond (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing local option elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of eight-liners.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$177,289.

The resolution would propose an amendment to Section 47, Article III, of the Texas Constitution to allow the Legislature to authorize and regulate the operation of gaming devices commonly known as eight-liners or similar gaming devices.

A law enacted under this amendment must permit voters in any county, justice precinct or municipality to determine in an election whether these gaming devices can be legally operated in the jurisdiction. The Legislature would be permitted to impose a fee on the gaming devices; authorize a political subdivision to impose a fee; determine the rate of such fees; or determine the allocation of revenue from such fees.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 362 Texas Lottery Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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