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By:  Patterson H.J.R. No. 85

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to prevent certain public officers and entities from prohibiting the operation of industries or other categories of business or commercial activity in this state.

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

SECTION 1.  Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 35 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.  An agency or officer of the executive department of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or an officer of a political subdivision of this state may not prohibit the operation of an industry or other category of business or commercial activity otherwise legally operating in this state.

SECTION 2.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to prevent an agency or officer of the executive department of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or an officer of a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting the operation of a legally operating industry or other category of business or commercial activity in this state."