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H.J.R. No. 35

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate net state lottery
2 revenue to support educational programs that benefit classroom
3 teaching in public schools and to prohibit advertisements and
4 promotions that state or imply lottery ticket sales revenue will
5 financially assist public schools.

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

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

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

21 (f) The State, a state agency or political subdivision of
22 the state, a legal entity contracting to operate lotteries
23 authorized by Subsection (e) of this section, or a holder of a
24 license issued by the State related to the operation of a lottery

1 authorized by that subsection may not sponsor an advertisement or
2 promotion that encourages or attempts to influence a person to
3 purchase a lottery ticket by stating or implying the revenue
4 generated from the ticket sale will financially assist the State's
5 public primary or secondary schools.

6 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
8 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
9 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to dedicate net state
10 lottery revenue to support educational programs that benefit
11 classroom teaching in public schools and to prohibit advertisements
12 and promotions that state or imply lottery ticket sales revenue
13 will financially assist public schools."