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H.J.R. No. 37

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing local option  
2 elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of eight-liners or  
3 similar gaming devices; authorizing a fee.

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

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

8 (a) The Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting lotteries  
9 and gift enterprises in this State other than those authorized by  
10 Subsections (b), (d), (d-1), ~~[and]~~ (e), and (f) of this section.

11 (f) The Legislature by law may authorize and regulate the  
12 operation of gaming devices commonly known as eight-liners or  
13 similar gaming devices. A law enacted under this subsection must  
14 allow the qualified voters voting at an election in any county,  
15 justice precinct, or municipality to determine by majority vote  
16 whether the gaming devices may be legally operated or prohibited in  
17 the county, justice precinct, or municipality. The Legislature may  
18 impose a fee on the gaming devices approved by a majority of the  
19 voters or authorize a political subdivision to impose a fee on the  
20 gaming devices. The Legislature may determine the rate of the fee  
21 and the allocation of the revenue from the fee notwithstanding any  
22 other provision of this Constitution governing the rate or  
23 allocation of occupations taxes.

24 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

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1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.  
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing local  
4 option elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of  
5 eight-liners or similar gaming devices."