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H.J.R. No. 93

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 operation of the gaming devices approved by a
19 majority of the voters or authorize a political subdivision to
20 impose a fee on the operation of the gaming devices. The
21 Legislature may determine the rate of the fee and the allocation of
22 the revenue from the fee notwithstanding any other provision of
23 this Constitution governing the rate or allocation of occupations
24 taxes.

1 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
2 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
3 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
4 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing local
5 option elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of
6 eight-liners or similar gaming devices."