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H.J.R. No. 146

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the right to own,  
2 hold, and use a mutually agreed upon medium of exchange.

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

4 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 36 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 36. The right of the people to own, hold, and use a  
7 mutually agreed upon medium of exchange, including cash, coin,  
8 bullion, digital currency, or privately issued scrip, when trading  
9 and contracting for goods and services shall not be infringed. No  
10 government shall prohibit or encumber the ownership or holding of  
11 any form or amount of money or other currency. Nothing in this  
12 section shall be construed as restricting this state from choosing  
13 the medium of exchange the state will accept for payments made to  
14 the state.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right  
19 of the people to own, hold, and use a mutually agreed upon medium of  
20 exchange, including cash, coin, bullion, digital currency, or  
21 privately issued scrip."