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H.J.R. No. 102

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to legalize wagering in this state on certain sporting events and  
3 requiring the legislature to dedicate to property tax relief at  
4 least 98 percent of the net state tax revenue generated from the  
5 wagering on sporting events.

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 (a) and adding Subsections (f) and  
9 (g) to read as follows:

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

14 (f) The legislature by law may authorize and regulate the  
15 placing of wagers on sporting events. A law enacted under this  
16 subsection may authorize the conduct of sports wagering only by:

17 (1) a sports team, as defined by general law;

18 (2) a sports organization that held in this state  
19 before January 1, 2023, sanctioned annual professional golf  
20 tournaments as part of a national tour of professional golfers;

21 (3) a class 1 horse racetrack in operation on January  
22 1, 2023;

23 (4) a racetrack that:

24 (A) existed and operated before January 1, 2000;

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2 (B) annually hosted National Association for  
3 Stock Car Auto Racing Cup Series events for at least 20 years  
4 preceding May 1, 2023; or

5 (5) a designee of an entity described by Subdivisions  
6 (1)-(4) of this subsection.

7 (g) A law enacted under Subsection (f) of this section must  
8 dedicate to property tax relief at least 98 percent of the net state  
9 tax revenue generated from wagering on sports events.

10 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
12 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
13 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
14 legislature to legalize wagering in this state on certain sporting  
15 events and requiring the legislature to dedicate to property tax  
16 relief at least 98 percent of the net state tax revenue generated  
17 from the wagering on sporting events."