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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to legalize wagering in this state on certain sporting events.

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

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

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

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

(1) a sports team, as defined by general law, in existence on January 1, 2023;

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

(3) a class 1 racetrack in operation on January 1, 2023; or

(4) a designee of an entity described by Subdivisions (1)-(3) of this subsection.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the

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1 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
2 legislature to legalize wagering in this state on certain sporting
3 events."