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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article X and the creation of Section 26 of Article XII of the State Constitution relating to casino gambling.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the amendment to Section 7 of Article X of the State Constitution and the creation of Section 26 of Article XII set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2002:

ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 7. Lotteries.--

(a) Lotteries, other than casino gambling as provided in subsection (b) and the types of pari-mutuel pools authorized by law as of the effective date of this constitution, are hereby prohibited in this state.

(b) Casino gambling may be conducted within any charter county in the state with a population in excess of 1,000,000 persons in any municipality in such a county which has a hotel or commercial lodging facility in excess of 500 rooms and existing pari-mutuel facilities.

(c) Tax revenues collected with respect to casino gambling as authorized in this section shall be used only to augment funding for education, human services, and services for the elderly.

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

1 SECTION 26. Gambling.--The conduct of casino gambling
2 within a county as described in Section 7(b) of Article X
3 shall be subject to the approval of the qualified electors
4 within the county voting in a referendum election held for
5 such purpose, and any municipality in such a county may, by
6 local option referendum, reject casino gambling within the
7 corporate limits of the qualified municipality.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of whether to
9 authorize casino gambling as provided herein shall be
10 submitted to the electors of any county qualified pursuant to
11 Section 7(b) of Article X at the same election that the
12 amendment to Section 7 of Article X and the creation of
13 Section 26 of Article XII of the State Constitution set forth
14 above is submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or
15 rejection.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the
17 requirements of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, the title
18 and substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on
19 the ballot as follows:

20 CASINO GAMBLING

21 Proposes an amendment to Section 7 of Article X and the
22 creation of Section 26 of Article XII of the State
23 Constitution to permit casino gambling in charter counties in
24 the state with a population of 1,000,000 or more in
25 municipalities in such counties with a hotel or commercial
26 lodging facility in excess of 500 rooms which do not reject
27 such gambling by local option. Provides that the revenues
28 shall be used to augment funding for education, human
29 services, and services for the elderly.

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