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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 23 of Article X of the State Constitution, which section allows Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, by referendum, to permit slot machines at certain pari-mutuel facilities.

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

That the following amendment to Section 23 of Article X of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 23. Slot machines.--

(a) ~~After voter approval of this constitutional amendment,~~ The governing body ~~bodies~~ of ~~Miami Dade and Broward County Counties each~~ may hold a county-wide referendum in that county ~~their respective counties~~ on whether to authorize slot machines within existing, licensed parimutuel facilities (thoroughbred and harness racing, greyhound racing, and jai-alai) that have conducted live racing or games in that county during ~~each of the last two calendar years 2002 and 2003 before the effective date of this amendment.~~ If the voters of such county approve the referendum question by majority vote, slot machines shall be authorized in such parimutuel facilities. If the voters of such county by majority vote disapprove the referendum question, slot

1 machines shall not be so authorized, and the question shall
2 not be presented in another referendum in that county for at
3 least two years.

4 ~~(b) In the next regular legislative session occurring~~
5 ~~after voter approval of this constitutional amendment,~~ The
6 Legislature shall adopt legislation implementing this section
7 ~~and having an effective date no later than July 1 of the year~~
8 ~~following voter approval of this amendment.~~ Such legislation
9 shall authorize agency rules for implementation, and may
10 include provisions for the licensure and regulation of slot
11 machines. The Legislature may tax slot machine revenues, and
12 any such taxes must supplement public education funding
13 statewide.

14 (c) If any part of this section is held invalid for
15 any reason, the remaining portion or portions shall be severed
16 from the invalid portion and given the fullest possible force
17 and effect.

18 ~~(d) This amendment shall become effective when~~
19 ~~approved by vote of the electors of the state.~~

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
21 placed on the ballot:

22 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

23 ARTICLE X, SECTION 23

24 REPEALING AUTHORIZATION FOR SLOT MACHINES IN MIAMI-DADE
25 COUNTY.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to
26 eliminate authorization for Miami-Dade County to hold a
27 referendum on whether to authorize slot machines at certain
28 licensed pari-mutuel facilities in that county and to delete
29 obsolete provisions in Section 23 of Article X relating to its
30 initial adoption and implementation.

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