

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 28 of Article X of the State Constitution authorizing gaming in counties that approve gaming by a countywide referendum; providing requirements for gaming facilities; providing for regulation and taxation by general law; providing for use of revenues.

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

That the following creation of Section 28 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 special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 28. Local option gaming.--

(a) The governing body of any county may hold a countywide referendum on whether to authorize full gaming within that county. If the voters of a county approve the referendum question by majority vote, full gaming is authorized and may be conducted within that county. If the voters of such county do not approve the referendum question by majority vote, full gaming under this section is not authorized, and the question shall not be presented in another referendum in that county for at least two years. As used in this subsection, the term "full gaming" means all forms of gaming and includes electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance or slot machine of any kind and any

1 banking card games such as baccarat, chenin de fer, and
2 blackjack.

3 (b) Gaming activities authorized pursuant to this
4 section shall be conducted in facilities within the
5 infrastructure of a hotel or casino that has at least 250
6 rooms for overnight patrons.

7 (c) The legislature shall provide for the regulation
8 and taxation of gaming facilities and activities by general
9 law and may impose fees to pay the costs of such regulation.

10 (d) Fifty percent of the tax revenue from gaming
11 facilities and activities authorized pursuant to this section
12 shall be deposited into a public sector trust fund. Ninety
13 percent of the moneys in that trust fund must be used to
14 offset residential homestead property taxes, eight percent
15 must be used for the creation of affordable housing, and the
16 remaining two percent must be used for the prevention and
17 treatment of compulsive gambling and related disorders.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
19 placed on the ballot:

20 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

21 ARTICLE X, SECTION 28

22 LOCAL OPTION GAMING.--Proposing an amendment to the
23 State Constitution to allow the governing body of any county
24 to hold a countywide referendum on whether to authorize full
25 gaming within that county. The amendment requires gaming
26 facilities to be located within a hotel or casino that has at
27 least 250 rooms for overnight patrons, provides for regulation
28 and taxation of gaming by general law, and requires that 50
29 percent of the tax revenue be deposited into a public sector
30 trust fund, with 90 percent of the moneys in that trust fund
31 to be used to offset residential homestead property taxes, 8

1 | percent to be used for the creation of affordable housing, and
2 | the remaining 2 percent to be used for the prevention and
3 | treatment of compulsive gambling and related disorders.
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