

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 83

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article IV, Section VII,
2 paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey
5 (the Senate concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of
8 New Jersey are hereby agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

13 2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the Legislature unless
14 the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof have been heretofore
15 submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast by, the people at
16 a special election or shall hereafter be submitted to, and authorized by a
17 majority of the votes cast thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State
18 voting at a general election, except that, without any such submission or
19 authorization:

20 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious
21 or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, senior citizen associations
22 or clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct,
23 under such restrictions and control as shall from time to time be prescribed by
24 the Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of
25 rights to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind of game of
26 chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with cards bearing number
27 or other designations, 5 or more in one line, the holder covering numbers as
28 objects, similarly numbered, are drawn from a receptacle and the game being
29 won by the person who first covers a previously designated arrangement of
30 numbers on such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of
31 chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or
32 public-spirited uses, and in the case of senior citizen associations or clubs to

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the support of such organizations, in any municipality, in which a majority of
2 the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election as the
3 submission thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by law, shall
4 authorize the conduct of such games of chance therein;

5 B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, bona fide
6 veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and
7 service clubs, senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies and
8 first-aid or rescue squads to conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the
9 selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds
10 of games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the drawing for
11 prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the entire net proceeds
12 of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable,
13 patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, and in the case of senior citizen
14 associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in any municipality,
15 in which such law shall be adopted by a majority of the qualified voters, voting
16 thereon, at a general or special election as the submission thereof shall be
17 prescribed by law and for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and
18 control, by law, the conduct of such games of chance;

19 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct of State
20 lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate therein and the awarding
21 of prizes by drawings when the entire net proceeds of any such lottery shall be
22 for the State institutions, State aid for education; [and]

23 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the
24 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the State, of
25 gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as heretofore established,
26 by the city of Atlantic City, county of Atlantic, and to license and tax such
27 operations and equipment used in connection therewith. Any law authorizing
28 the establishment and operation of such gambling establishments shall provide
29 for the State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for the purpose
30 of providing funding for reductions in property taxes, rental, telephone, gas,
31 electric, and municipal utilities charges of, eligible senior citizens and disabled
32 residents of the State, and for additional or expanded health services or
33 benefits or transportation services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and
34 disabled residents, in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall
35 by law provide. The type and number of such casinos or gambling houses and
36 of the gambling games which may be conducted in any such establishment shall
37 be determined by or pursuant to the terms of the law authorizing the
38 establishment and operation thereof[.];

39 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1) the
40 simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness horse races
41 conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this State, or both, to
42 gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic City and (2) wagering at
43 those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The State's share

1 of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for services to benefit eligible
2 senior citizens as shall be provided by law; and

3 F. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, wagering on
4 slot machines at not more than four racetracks located within this State. The
5 State's share of revenues derived therefrom shall be used for such purposes
6 as shall be provided by law.

7 (cf: Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 amended effective December 6,
8 1990.)

9 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to
10 pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted
11 to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months
12 after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one
13 newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the
14 Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than
15 three months prior to the general election.

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17 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the
18 people at that election in the following manner and form:

19 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general
20 election, the following:

21 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend
22 which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

23 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+) or
24 check (T) in the square opposite the word 'Yes.' If you are opposed thereto
25 make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the square opposite the word 'No.'

26 In every municipality the following question:

1		AUTHORIZES WAGERING ON SLOT MACHINES AT NOT MORE THAN FOUR RACETRACKS
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4		Shall this amendment agreed to by the Legislature,
5		to allow the Legislature to authorize, by law,
6		wagering on slot machines at not more than four
7		racetracks located within this State, with the State's
8	YES	share of revenues derived therefrom used for such
9		purposes as shall be provided by law, be
10		approved?
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12		INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT
13		This constitutional amendment would permit the
14		Legislature to pass laws allowing wagering on slot
15		machines at racetracks. Slot machines would be
16		located at no more than four racetracks. The
17	NO	State's share of revenues raised from wagering on
18		these slot machines would be used for purposes to
19		be established by law.
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STATEMENT

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25 This concurrent resolution proposes an amendment to the New Jersey
 26 Constitution which would allow the Legislature to authorize, by law, wagering
 27 on slot machines at not more than four racetracks located within this State.
 28 The State's share of revenues derived from this activity would be used for such
 29 purposes as shall be established by law.

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34 Proposes amendment to New Jersey Constitution to authorize wagering on
 35 slot machines at not more than four racetracks.