

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 20

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BRYANT

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article IV,
2 Section VII, paragraph 2 of the Constitution.

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

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

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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

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

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

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

40 It shall also be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law, and to tax, the
41 conduct of casino gambling on boats which are permanently docked at, or are
42 principally docked at and operate from, sites on the shores or banks of bodies
43 of water located in, or constituting a boundary of, this State if a state bordering

1 this State authorizes the conduct of any form of casino gambling. Any law
2 authorizing such casino gambling shall provide that: (1) only holders of
3 licenses which are operating casinos in Atlantic City shall be licensed to
4 conduct the casino gambling on such boats; (2) no such license holder in
5 Atlantic City shall be licensed to conduct such casino gambling on more than
6 three boats; and (3) the tax on such casino gambling shall be at the same rate
7 set by law for the operation of gambling establishments in Atlantic City and the
8 State revenues derived from such casino gambling shall be applied for the
9 same purposes as hereinabove are specified for the State revenues derived
10 from the operation of gambling establishments in Atlantic City, except that
11 25% of the State revenues derived from casino gambling on each boat shall
12 be transmitted to the municipality in which that boat is permanently or
13 principally docked; and

14 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1) the
15 simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness horse races
16 conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this State, or both, to
17 gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic City and (2) wagering at
18 those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The State's share
19 of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for services to benefit eligible
20 senior citizens as shall be provided by law.

21 (cf: Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 amended effective December 6,
22 1990)

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

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

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

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

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

42 b. In every municipality the following question:

1		CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
2		AUTHORIZING "RIVERBOAT" GAMBLING
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4		Shall the Constitution be amended, as agreed to
5		by the Legislature, to permit the Legislature to
6		authorize by law casino gambling on boats which
7		are permanently docked at, or are principally
8		docked at and operate from, sites on the shores or
9		banks of bodies of water located in, or constituting
10		a boundary of, this State if a bordering state
11	YES	authorizes any form of casino gambling, with 25%
12		of the State revenues derived therefrom to be
13		transmitted to the municipality in which each boat
14		is permanently or principally docked and the
15		remainder to be used for senior citizens and the
16		disabled in the same manner as the State revenues
17		derived from casino gambling in Atlantic City?
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20		INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT
21		This amendment would permit the Legislature to
22		authorize by law the conduct of casino gambling on
23		boats which are permanently docked at, or are
24		principally docked at and operate from, sites on the
25		shores or banks of bodies of water located in, or
26		constituting a boundary of, this State if a bordering
27		state authorizes any form of casino gambling. Only
28		holders of licenses which are operating casinos in
29		Atlantic City could conduct the casino gambling,
30		and no such license holder could operate more than
31	NO	three boats. The same tax applicable to casino
32		gambling in Atlantic City would apply to the
33		gambling on the boats, and the State revenues
34		derived from the gambling on each boat would be
35		applied for the same purposes as the State
36		revenues derived from the casino gambling in
37		Atlantic City, except that 25% of the revenue
38		would be transmitted to the municipality in which
39		the boat is permanently or principally docked.
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STATEMENT

This constitutional amendment would permit the Legislature to authorize by law the conduct of casino gambling on boats which are permanently docked at, or are principally docked at and operate from, sites on the shores or banks of bodies of water located in, or constituting a boundary of, this State if a bordering state authorizes any form of casino gambling. Only holders of licenses which are operating casinos in Atlantic City could conduct the casino gambling on boats, and no such license holder could operate more than three boats. The same tax applicable to casino gambling in Atlantic City would apply to the gambling on the boats, and the State revenues derived from the gambling on each boat would be applied for the same purposes as the State revenues derived from the casino gambling in Atlantic City, except that 25% of the revenue would be distributed to the municipality in which the boat is permanently or principally docked.

Permits Legislature to authorize "riverboat" gambling if a bordering state authorizes casino gambling.