

House Resolution 1421

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize counties and municipal  
2 corporations having an established entertainment district to authorize pari-mutuel betting and  
3 casino gambling; to require the approval of the voters in a referendum on the matter; to  
4 authorize state and local taxation of the proceeds of such activity; to provide that such local  
5 the proceeds shall be used for solely for public safety and improvements to infrastructure;  
6 to provide that such state proceeds shall be used in the same manner as state lottery funds;  
7 to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification  
8 or rejection; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 10 SECTION 1.

11 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by inserting a new  
12 subparagraph to be designated as subparagraph (e) to read as follows:

13 "(e) Each county and each municipal corporation which has established an entertainment  
14 district may authorize, by ordinance conditioned upon the approval of a majority of the  
15 electors voting on the issue, pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling within such district.  
16 Each such political subdivision is authorized to levy a tax upon the proceeds of such  
17 betting or gambling; provided, however, that any proceeds derived from local taxation shall  
18 be used solely for public safety and improvements to the infrastructure of such political  
19 subdivision. The state is authorized to levy a tax upon the proceeds of such betting or  
20 gambling; provided, however, that any proceeds derived from such taxation shall be subject  
21 to the provisions of subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph in the same manner as proceeds  
22 derived from a lottery conducted pursuant thereto. The General Assembly is authorized  
23 to provide by general or local law for further conditions and requirements relative to this  
24 subparagraph."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as  
3 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the  
4 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

5 " YES Shall the amendment be approved that provides that counties and municipal  
6 corporations may provide for pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling upon  
7  NO the approval of a majority of the voters and authorizes the state and local  
8 taxation of the proceeds of such activity?"

9 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

10 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
11 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
12 become a part of the Constitution of this state.