

House Resolution 534

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide by general law for pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog races and casino
 3 gambling only in unincorporated areas of counties and in municipal corporations where such
 4 activities have been approved by referendum; to provide for the levy and collection of state
 5 and local taxes, fees, or assessments regarding the proceeds from such pari-mutuel betting
 6 on horse races and dog races and casino gambling; to provide for related matters; to provide
 7 for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "(e) The General Assembly may by general law provide for pari-mutuel betting on horse
 13 races and dog races or casino gambling or both pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog
 14 races and casino gambling within the unincorporated area of a county or within a municipal
 15 corporation where such activities have been approved by majority vote of the electors of
 16 such area in a referendum held for the purpose of such approval. Pari-mutuel betting on
 17 horse races and dog races and casino gambling shall continue to be unlawful within the
 18 unincorporated area of every county and within every municipal corporation where such
 19 activities have not been approved by majority vote of the electors of such areas in a
 20 referendum. No pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog races or casino gambling shall
 21 be owned or operated by the state or by any county, municipal corporation, consolidated
 22 government, or other governmental subdivision. The state and the governing authority of
 23 the county or municipal corporation in which pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog
 24 races or casino gambling or both have been approved by referendum are authorized to levy
 25 and collect a tax, fee, or other assessment upon the proceeds of such betting or gambling.
 26 The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general or local law for the

27 implementation of and for further conditions and requirements relative to this
 28 subparagraph."

29 **SECTION 2.**

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

33 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for
 34 pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog races, casino gambling, or both
 35 () NO pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog races and casino gambling
 36 within the unincorporated area of a county or within a municipal
 37 corporation upon the approval by a majority vote of the electors in a
 38 referendum and authorize the state and local governing authority to levy and
 39 collect taxes, fees, or assessments upon the proceeds of such activity? "

40 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
 41 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
 42 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
 43 become a part of the Constitution of this state.