

Senate Resolution 123

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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 casino gambling within each county and each municipal
 3 corporation where such activities have been approved by referendum; to provide for the levy
 4 and collection of state and local taxes, fees, or assessments regarding the proceeds from such
 5 casino gambling; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this
 6 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

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

11 "(e) The General Assembly may provide by general law for casino gambling within each
 12 county and each municipal corporation where such activities have been approved by
 13 majority vote of the electors of such county or municipal corporation in a referendum held
 14 for the purpose of such approval. Casino gambling shall continue to be unlawful within
 15 the unincorporated area of every county and within every municipal corporation where
 16 such activities have not been approved by majority vote of the electors of such areas in a
 17 referendum. The state and the governing authority of the county or municipal corporation
 18 in which casino gambling has been approved by referendum are authorized to levy and
 19 collect a tax, fee, or other assessment upon the proceeds of such gambling. The General
 20 Assembly is authorized to provide by general or local law for the implementation of and
 21 for further conditions and requirements relative to this subparagraph."

22 SECTION 2.

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

26 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for casino
27 gambling within counties and municipal corporations upon the approval by
28 NO a majority of the voters and authorize the taxation of the proceeds of such
29 activity?"

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