

House Resolution 317

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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 poker room gambling within each county and each
 3 municipal corporation which has established an entertainment district where such activities
 4 have been approved by referendum; to provide for the levy and collection of state and local
 5 taxes, fees, or assessments regarding the proceeds from such casino poker room gambling;
 6 to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for
 7 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 provide by general law for casino poker room gambling
 13 within each county and each municipal corporation which has established an entertainment
 14 district where such activities have been approved by majority vote of the electors of such
 15 county or municipal corporation in a referendum held for the purpose of such approval.
 16 Casino poker room gambling shall continue to be unlawful within the unincorporated area
 17 of every county and within every municipal corporation where such activities have not
 18 been approved by majority vote of the electors of such areas in a referendum. The state
 19 and the governing authority of the county or municipal corporation in which casino poker
 20 room gambling has been approved by referendum are authorized to levy and collect a tax,
 21 fee, or other assessment upon the proceeds of such gambling. The General Assembly is
 22 authorized to provide by general or local law for the implementation of and for further
 23 conditions and requirements relative to this subparagraph."

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SECTION 2.

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

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

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

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