

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 3033

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Porter, Streyle

Senator Laffen

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article XI of the Constitution of  
2 North Dakota, relating to authorization for not more than six state-regulated, privately owned  
3 casinos in the state; and to amend and reenact section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of  
4 North Dakota, relating to exceptions to the prohibition on games of chance.

5 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

6 This measure would authorize the legislative assembly to provide by law for the authorization of  
7 up to six state-regulated, privately owned casinos in the state.

8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
9 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

10 That the following proposed new section to article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota  
11 and the proposed amendment to section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota are  
12 agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general  
13 election to be held in 2018, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of  
14 North Dakota.

15 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **Section 25.** The

- 18 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 and in section 2 of this Act, the legislative  
19 assembly shall not authorize any game of chance, lottery, or gift enterprises, under  
20 any pretense, or for any purpose whatever. However, the
- 21 2. The legislative assembly shall authorize the state of North Dakota to join a multi-state  
22 lottery for the benefit of the state of North Dakota, and, the legislative assembly may  
23 authorize by law bona fide nonprofit veterans', charitable, educational, religious, or  
24 fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, or such other public-spirited  
25 organizations as it may recognize, to conduct games of chance when the entire net

1           proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable,  
2           patriotic, fraternal, religious, or other public-spirited uses.

3           **SECTION 2.** A new section to article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota is created and  
4 enacted as follows:

- 5           1. The legislative assembly may provide by law for the authorization of not more than six  
6           state-regulated, privately owned casinos in the state. A casino authorized under this  
7           section may not be located within forty miles of the boundary of the largest contiguous  
8           portion of an Indian reservation in this state.
- 9           2. The legislative assembly shall provide by law for the conduct of gaming in any casino  
10           authorized under this section. The legislative assembly shall establish the licensing  
11           regulations and fees and the taxation rates for casinos and related casino operations.
- 12           3. The legislative assembly shall establish a casino gaming commission that is  
13           responsible for administering and regulating the casino gaming industry, protecting  
14           and promoting the public interest, ensuring fair and honest games, ensuring fees and  
15           taxes are paid, and preventing and detecting unlawful gambling activity.