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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION
OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RESTRICTION ON GAMBLING

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, DiPalma, Goodwin, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 29, 2014

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

1 RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general
2 assembly voting therefore, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed
3 to the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the
4 Constitution for their approval and that it take the place of Article VI, Section 22, which is hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **Section 22. Restriction on gambling.**

7 No act expanding the types or locations of gambling which are permitted within the state
8 or within any city or town therein or expanding municipalities in which a particular form of
9 gambling is authorized shall take effect until it has been approved by the majority of those
10 electors voting in a statewide referendum and by the majority of those electors voting in ~~a~~ said
11 referendum in the municipality in which the proposed gambling would be allowed and, having
12 been so approved in said referendum in any city or town on or after November 4, 2014, the
13 location where the gambling is permitted in any city or town shall not be changed within said city
14 or town without approval of the majority of those electors voting on said proposed change in a
15 referendum in said city or town.

16 The secretary of state shall certify the results of the statewide referendum and the local
17 board of canvassers of the city or town where the gambling is to be allowed shall certify the
18 results of the local referendum to the secretary of state.

19 It is further

1 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors
2 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the
3 several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for
4 general officers of the state; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to
6 be published as a part of the resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said
7 meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices
8 to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward,
9 or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district meetings to
10 be held as aforesaid; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held as aforesaid shall be
12 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and
13 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
14 ward, and district meetings for the elections of general officers of the state.

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- 1 This amendment to the Constitution of the State, if approved, would provide no change in
- 2 the location of gambling permitted in a municipality would occur without the further approval of
- 3 the majority of those electors voting on said proposed location change, in a referendum within
- 4 said municipality.

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