

1 HB16
2 179821-1
3 By Representative Boyd (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory
9 Act, if Class III gaming is authorized in a state,
10 a qualifying Indian tribe may enter into a compact
11 with the state for the operation of Class III
12 gaming activities in the state.

13 This bill would propose an amendment to the
14 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that
15 any tribal compact negotiated by the Governor would
16 become effective only if ratified by three-fifths
17 of all the members elected to each house of the
18 Legislature.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
25 Alabama of 1901; to provide a tribal compact negotiated by the
26 Governor under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act would become

1 effective only if ratified by three-fifths of all the members
2 elected to each house of the Legislature.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. The following amendment to the
5 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
6 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
7 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
8 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
9 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

11 (a) Any tribal compact negotiated by the Governor
12 pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act shall become
13 effective only upon ratification by three-fifths of all the
14 members elected to each house of the Legislature.

15 (b) Consideration of any such compact shall
16 originate in the House of Representatives.

17 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
18 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
19 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
20 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
21 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
22 state.

23 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
24 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
25 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
26 following description of the substance or subject matter of
27 the proposed constitutional amendment:

1 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 Alabama of 1901, to provide a tribal compact negotiated by the
3 Governor would become effective only if ratified by
4 three-fifths of all the members elected to each house of the
5 Legislature.

6 "Proposed by Act _____."

7 This description shall be followed by the following
8 language:

9 "Yes () No ()."