

Introduced by

Representative Maragos

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of  
2 North Dakota, relating to the authorization of casinos and casino-style games of chance in the  
3 state.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 The measure would require the legislative assembly to authorize for-profit organizations to  
6 operate casinos and to conduct casino-style games of chance in the state, the net proceeds of  
7 which are to be retained for the benefit of the for-profit organization.

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

10 That the following proposed amendment of section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of  
11 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the  
12 primary election to be held in 2016, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
13 Constitution of North Dakota.

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

16 **Section 25.** ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, the legislative assembly  
17 ~~shall~~ may not authorize any game of chance, lottery, or gift enterprises, under any pretense, or  
18 for any purpose whatever. However, the legislative assembly shall:

- 19 1. Shall authorize the state of North Dakota to join a multi-state lottery for the benefit of  
20 the state of North Dakota, ~~and, the legislative assembly may;~~
- 21 2. Shall authorize for-profit organizations to operate casinos and to conduct casino-style  
22 games of chance in the state, the net proceeds of which are to be retained for the  
23 benefit of the for-profit organization conducting the games; and
- 24 3. May authorize by law bona fide nonprofit veterans', charitable, educational, religious,  
25 or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, or ~~such~~ any other public-spirited

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- 1 organizations as it may recognize, to conduct games of chance when the entire net
- 2 proceeds of ~~such~~those games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable,
- 3 patriotic, fraternal, religious, or other public-spirited uses.