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JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 6 of Article XV of the 1  
Constitution of the State of Ohio to authorize the 2  
General Assembly to authorize and regulate the 3  
conduct of video lottery games at not more than 4  
seven locations in this state and to require that 5  
the entire net proceeds of video lottery games be 6  
used solely for the support of elementary, 7  
secondary, vocational, and special education 8  
programs. 9

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, 10  
three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring 11  
herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state 12  
in the manner prescribed by law at the general election to be held 13  
on November 3, 2009, a proposal to amend Section 6 of Article XV 14  
of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to read as follows: 15

ARTICLE XV

~~Sec. 6.~~ Section 6. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 16  
section, lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets, for any 17  
purpose whatever, shall forever be prohibited in this ~~State~~ state. 18

(B)(1) The General Assembly may authorize an agency of the 19  
state to conduct lotteries, to sell rights to participate therein, 20  
and to award prizes by chance to participants, provided that the 21

entire net proceeds of any such lottery are paid into a fund of 22  
the state treasury that shall consist solely of such proceeds and 23  
shall be used solely for the support of elementary, secondary, 24  
vocational, and special education programs as determined in 25  
appropriations made by the General Assembly. 26

(2) The General Assembly may authorize an agency of the state 27  
to permit video lottery games and to issue and sell the rights to 28  
operate such games at not more than seven locations in this state 29  
and to award prizes by chance to participants in those games; 30  
provided, that the rights to operate such games shall be sold by 31  
the agency by public auction to the highest bidders for such 32  
rights with a maximum length of not more than ten years per 33  
license and a minimum bid of at least sixty-five million dollars 34  
per location. The entire net proceeds of any such lottery and 35  
funds received by the state for the operation of such games shall 36  
be paid into a fund of the state treasury that shall consist 37  
solely of the funds guaranteed by such games and lotteries 38  
conducted pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section and shall be 39  
used solely for the support of elementary, secondary, vocational, 40  
and special education programs as determined in appropriations 41  
made by the General Assembly. The General Assembly may enact laws 42  
governing any and all other terms and conditions to facilitate and 43  
regulate such games and the licensure of their operators thereof. 44

(C) The General Assembly may authorize and regulate the 45  
operation of bingo to be conducted by charitable organizations for 46  
charitable purposes. 47

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL 48

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 49  
proposal, the amendment takes effect January 1, 2010, and existing 50  
Section 6 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 51  
is repealed from that effective date. 52