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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 139

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 19, 1980

By Assemblymen PELLECCCHIA and GIRGENTI

Referred to Committee on Revenue, Finance and Appropriations

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

1 BE IT RESOLVED *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

1 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

3 Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2, of the Constitution
4 to read as follows:

5 2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the Legislature
6 unless the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof have been
7 heretofore submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes
8 cast by, the people at a special election or shall hereafter be sub-
9 mitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast thereon by,
10 the legally qualified voters of the State voting at a general election,
11 except that, without any such submission or authorization;

12 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable, educa-
13 tional, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs,
14 senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies and
15 first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions and
16 control as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Legislature
17 by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights
18 to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind of game
19 of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with cards
20 bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line, the
21 holder covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are drawn
22 from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who first
23 covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers on such a
24 card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to
25 be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-
26 spirited uses, and in the case of senior citizen associations or clubs

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

27 to the support of such organizations, in any municipality, in which
28 a majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or
29 special election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the
30 Legislature by law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of
31 chance therein.

32 B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law,
33 bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal
34 organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire companies and
35 first-aid or rescue squads to conduct games of chance of, and
36 restricted to, the selling of rights to participate, and the awarding
37 of prizes, in the specific kinds of games of chance sometimes known
38 as raffles, conducted by the drawing for prizes or by the allotment
39 of prizes by chance, when the entire net proceeds of such games of
40 chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic,
41 religious or public-spirited uses, in any municipality, in which such
42 law shall be adopted by a majority of the qualified voters, voting
43 thereon, at a general or special election as the submission thereof
44 shall be prescribed by law and for the Legislature, from time to
45 time, to restrict and control, by law, the conduct of such games of
46 chance and

47 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct
48 of State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate
49 therein and the awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net
50 proceeds of any such lottery shall be for State institutions, State
51 aid for education.

52 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the
53 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the
54 State, of gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as
55 heretofore established, of the city of Atlantic City, county of
56 Atlantic, and to license and tax such operations and equipment
57 used in connection therewith. Any law authorizing the establish-
58 ment and operation of such gambling establishments shall provide
59 for the State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for
60 the purpose of providing *funding for* reductions in property taxes,
61 *~~rentals~~* *rental**, telephone, gas, electric, and municipal utili-
62 ties charges of, eligible senior citizens and disabled residents of the
63 State, *and for additional or expanded* *~~State~~* *health** services
64 *or benefits or transportation services or benefits** to eligible
65 *senior citizens and disabled residents* *~~beyond those services or~~
65A *benefits provided on January 1, 1981**, in accordance with such
66 formulae as the Legislature shall by law provide. The type and
67 number of such casinos or gambling houses and of the gambling
68 games which may be conducted in any such establishment shall be

69 determined by or pursuant to the terms of the law authorizing the
 70 establishment and operation thereof.

1 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
 2 agreed to, pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution,
 3 it shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
 4 occurring more than 3 months after such final agreement and shall
 5 be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each county
 6 designated by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
 7 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than 3
 8 months prior to said general election.

1 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be sub-
 2 mitted to the people at said election in the following manner and
 3 form:

4 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at such
 5 general election, the following:

6 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used,
 7 a legend which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

8 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X),
 9 plus (+) or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes."
 10 If you are opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check
 11 (✓) in the square opposite the word "No."

12 b. In every municipality the following question:

	Yes.	<p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Use of State Gambling Revenues to Fund Additional or Expanded <i>*Health and Transportation*</i> Services or Benefits to Eligible Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents <i>*[Beyond Those Provided on January 1, 1981]*</i>.</p>
	No.	<p style="text-align: center;">Do you approve of the amendment of Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, which authorizes the <i>*[application]*</i> <i>*expenditure*</i> of State revenues derived from the licensing and taxation of gambling in Atlantic City <i>*[to the funding of]*</i> <i>*for*</i> additional or expanded <i>*health and transportation*</i> services <i>*[and]*</i> <i>*or*</i> benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled residents <i>*[beyond those provided on January 1, 1981]*</i>?</p>



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12 b. In every municipality the following question:

	Yes.	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</p> <p>The Use of State Gambling Revenues to Fund Additional or Expanded Services or Benefits to Eligible Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Beyond Those Provided on January 1, 1981.</p> <p>Do you approve of the amendment of Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, which authorizes the application of State revenues derived from the licensing and taxation of gambling in Atlantic City to the funding of additional or expanded services and benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled residents beyond those provided on January 1, 1981?</p>
	No.	

STATEMENT

This concurrent resolution would authorize the submission of a proposed amendment to the State Constitution to the people at the November 1980 election.

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The purpose of this constitutional amendment is to provide that, in addition to reducing property taxes, rentals, telephones, gas, electric, and municipal utilities charges of eligible senior citizens and disabled residents, State revenues derived from the licensing and taxation of gambling in Atlantic City may be applied towards the funding of additional or expanded State services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled residents beyond those services or benefits provided on January 1, 1981.

ASSEMBLY REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 139
with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 16, 1980

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 139 with committee amendments, is a proposal to amend the State Constitution. The proposed amendment would permit the use of casino tax revenues for additional or expanded health and transportation services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled residents. The current provision permits casino tax revenues to be used solely for reductions in property taxes, rentals, telephone, gas, electric, and municipal utility charges of eligible senior citizens and the disabled.