

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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By: Representative Cloud

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE
THE AUTHORIZATION FOR CASINO GAMING IN POPE COUNTY.

Subtitle

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE
AUTHORIZATION FOR CASINO GAMING IN POPE
COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 4, subsections (i) - (n), are amended to read as follows:

(i) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall issue ~~four~~ three casino licenses.

(j) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall issue a casino license, as provided in this Amendment, to a Franchise holder located in Crittenden County, there being only one, to conduct casino gaming at a casino to be located at or adjacent to the Franchise holder's greyhound racing track and



gaming facility as of December 31, 2017 in Crittenden County. The Arkansas Racing Commission shall also issue a casino license, as provided in this Amendment, to a Franchise holder located in Garland County, there being only one, to conduct casino gaming at a casino to be located at or adjacent to the Franchise holder's horse racing track and gaming facility as of December 31, 2017 in Garland County. Casino licenses to be issued to Franchise holders shall be issued upon:

(1) Adoption by the Arkansas Racing Commission of rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this Amendment; and

(2) Initial laws and appropriations required by this Amendment being in full force and effect.

(k) ~~The Arkansas Racing Commission shall award a casino license to a casino applicant for a casino to be located in Pope County within two miles of the city limits of the county seat.~~ The Arkansas Racing Commission shall also award a casino license to a casino applicant for a casino to be located in Jefferson County within two miles of the city limits of the county seat.

(l) Casino licensees are required to conduct casino gaming for as long as they have a license.

(m) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall require all casino applicants for a casino license in ~~Pope County~~ and Jefferson County to demonstrate experience conducting casino gaming.

(n) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall require all casino applicants for a casino license in ~~Pope County~~ and Jefferson County to submit either a letter of support from the county judge or a resolution from the quorum court in ~~the county where the proposed casino is to be located~~ Jefferson County and, if the proposed casino is to be located within a city or town, shall also require all casino applicants to include a letter of support from the mayor in the city or town where the applicant is proposing the casino to be located.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after November 9, 2022.

SECTION 3. RETROACTIVITY. This amendment is retroactive to November 14, 2018.

SECTION 4. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election ballot:

(1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot title; and

(2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to Remove the Authorization for Casino Gaming in Pope County".