

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring an**
2 **affirmative vote of the people before any form of gambling for profit may be authorized**
3 **in Alaska and setting other requirements.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** Article XII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 **Section 15. For-Profit Gambling.** (a) Any form of gaming or gambling for
8 profit is prohibited in the State unless that form of gaming or gambling has been
9 authorized by law, ratified by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the State who
10 vote on the question at the next general election, and approved at an election in the
11 organized borough or city where the gaming or gambling may occur by a majority of
12 qualified voters who vote on the question. If the gaming or gambling will occur in an
13 unincorporated community in the unorganized borough, then the gaming must be
14 approved by a majority of qualified voters who vote on the question in the
15 unincorporated community, as defined by law.

1 (b) This section does not prohibit or restrict any form of gaming lawfully
2 conducted under Alaska law on the date of the ratification of this section by the people
3 of Alaska, nor does this section affect the authority of the legislature to authorize or
4 regulate nonprofit gaming by organized boroughs and cities or by nonprofit
5 organizations.

6 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the
7 state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State
8 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.