

Local Voter Approval for Casino-Style Gambling

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 19 to article XVIII as follows:

Section 19. Local voter approval for casino-style gambling required.

(1) NO STATEWIDE VOTE TO LEGALIZE OR AUTHORIZE CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING MAY BE GIVEN EFFECT UNLESS THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN WHICH A HOST COMMUNITY IS TO BE LOCATED ALSO VOTE TO AUTHORIZE CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING IN THEIR COUNTY AND DO SO:

(a) AT AN ELECTION CONDUCTED WITHIN THIRTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE VOTE; AND

(b) PRIOR TO THE GRANTING OF A LICENSE TO CONDUCT THAT TYPE OF GAMBLING.

(2) "CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING" MEANS THE USE OF SLOT MACHINES, POKER, BLACKJACK, CRAPS, ROULETTE, OR VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

(3) THE REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL VOTER APPROVAL OF A NEW LEGALIZATION OR AUTHORIZATION OF CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING APPLIES TO ANY STATEWIDE VOTE, BEGINNING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND INCLUDING EACH STATEWIDE ELECTION THEREAFTER.

(4) THIS REQUIREMENT IS EFFECTIVE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, EXCEPT THAT IT SHALL NOT REPLACE, MODIFY, LIMIT, OR DUPLICATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL VOTER APPROVAL OF LIMITED GAMING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9(6) AND (7) OF ARTICLE XVIII.

