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H. J. R. No. 5

Representative Yates

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 6 of Article XV of the 1
Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the 2
General Assembly to provide for and regulate the 3
operation of certain lotteries and other forms of 4
gambling. 5

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, 6
three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring 7
herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state 8
in the manner prescribed by law at the general election to be held 9
on May 4, 2010, a proposal to amend Section 6 of Article XV of the 10
Constitution of the State of Ohio to read as follows: 11

ARTICLE XV

~~Sec. 6.~~ **Section 6.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 12
section, lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets, for any 13
purpose whatever, shall forever be prohibited in this ~~State~~ state. 14

(B) The General Assembly may authorize an agency of the state 15
to conduct lotteries, to sell rights to participate therein, and 16
to award prizes by chance to participants, provided that the 17
entire net proceeds of any such lottery are paid into a fund of 18
the state treasury that shall consist solely of such proceeds and 19
shall be used solely for the support of elementary, secondary, 20

vocational, and special education programs as determined in 21
appropriations made by the General Assembly. 22

(C) The General Assembly may provide by law for and regulate 23
the operation of lotteries other than those described in division 24
(B) of this section and other forms of gambling. 25

(D) The General Assembly may authorize and regulate the 26
operation of bingo to be conducted by charitable organizations for 27
charitable purposes. 28

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL 29

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 30
proposal, the amendment takes effect July 1, 2010, and existing 31
Section 6 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 32
is repealed from that effective date. 33