

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3033

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Porter, Streyle

Senator Laffen

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article XI of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to authorization for not more than six state-regulated, privately owned
3 casinos in the state; and to amend and reenact section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of
4 North Dakota, relating to exceptions to the prohibition on games of chance.

5 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

6 This measure would authorize the legislative assembly to provide by law for the authorization of
7 up to six state-regulated, privately owned casinos in the state.

8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
9 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

10 That the following proposed new section to article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota
11 and the proposed amendment to section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota are
12 agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general
13 election to be held in 2018, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of
14 North Dakota.

15 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **Section 25.** The

- 18 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 and in section 2 of this Act, the legislative
19 assembly shall not authorize any game of chance, lottery, or gift enterprises, under
20 any pretense, or for any purpose whatever. However, the
- 21 2. The legislative assembly shall authorize the state of North Dakota to join a multi-state
22 lottery for the benefit of the state of North Dakota, and, the legislative assembly may
23 authorize by law bona fide nonprofit veterans', charitable, educational, religious, or
24 fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, or such other public-spirited
25 organizations as it may recognize, to conduct games of chance when the entire net

1 proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable,
2 patriotic, fraternal, religious, or other public-spirited uses.

3 **SECTION 2.** A new section to article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota is created and
4 enacted as follows:

- 5 1. The legislative assembly may provide by law for the authorization of not more than six
6 state-regulated, privately owned casinos in the state. A casino authorized under this
7 section may not be located within forty miles of the boundary of the largest contiguous
8 portion of an Indian reservation in this state.
- 9 2. The legislative assembly shall provide by law for the conduct of gaming in any casino
10 authorized under this section. The legislative assembly shall establish the licensing
11 regulations and fees and the taxation rates for casinos and related casino operations.
- 12 3. The legislative assembly shall establish a casino gaming commission that is
13 responsible for administering and regulating the casino gaming industry, protecting
14 and promoting the public interest, ensuring fair and honest games, ensuring fees and
15 taxes are paid, and preventing and detecting unlawful gambling activity.