

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KNIGHT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 39(e) of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to gaming.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next
2 following the first Monday in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Section 39(e), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one
2 new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 39(e), to read as follows:

Section 39(e). **1.** The general assembly is authorized to permit upon the Mississippi
2 and Missouri Rivers only, which shall include artificial spaces that contain water and that are
3 within 1000 feet of the closest edge of the main channel of either of those rivers, lotteries, gift
4 enterprises and games of chance to be conducted on excursion gambling boats and floating
5 facilities. Any license issued before or after the adoption date of this amendment for any
6 excursion gambling boat or floating facility located in any such artificial space shall be
7 deemed to be authorized by the General Assembly and to be in compliance with this Section.
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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

9 ~~[NOTICE: You are advised that the proposed constitutional amendment may be construed to~~
10 ~~change, repeal, or modify by implication Article III, Sections 39, 39(9), and 39(e).]~~

11 **2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, lotteries, gift**
12 **enterprises, and games of chance may be conducted on excursion gambling boats and**
13 **floating facilities licensed by the Missouri gaming commission upon the portion of the**
14 **Osage River from the Missouri River to the Bagnell Dam, which shall include artificial**
15 **spaces that contain water and that are within 1000 feet of the high water mark of the**
16 **closest edge of the main channel of the river, as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of**
17 **Engineers.**

18 **3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in addition to**
19 **such licenses as have been authorized prior to January 1, 2023, the Missouri gaming**
20 **commission shall issue one additional excursion gambling boat license. Such license**
21 **shall be issued only to an excursion gambling boat that will operate upon the portion of**
22 **the Osage River from the Missouri River to the Bagnell Dam.**

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