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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the constitution, in  
relation to authorizing a lottery game for a community grant fund,  
which fund shall be dedicated to certain community groups

1     Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That subdivision 1 of  
2 section 9 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. No law shall be passed abridging the rights of the people peaceably  
5 to assemble and to petition the government, or any department thereof;  
6 nor shall any divorce be granted otherwise than by due judicial  
7 proceedings; except as hereinafter provided, no lottery or the sale of  
8 lottery tickets, pool-selling, book-making, or any other kind of gambl-  
9 ing, except lotteries operated by the state and the sale of lottery  
10 tickets in connection therewith as may be authorized and prescribed by  
11 the legislature, the net proceeds of which shall be applied exclusively  
12 to or in aid or support of education in this state as the legislature  
13 may prescribe, EXCEPT THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHOR-  
14 IZING THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE LOTTERY GAME THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH  
15 SHALL BE APPLIED EXCLUSIVELY TO A COMMUNITY GRANT FUND TO BE CREATED BY  
16 SUCH LEGISLATION, WHICH FUND SHALL BE DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY GROUPS  
17 ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH THREE OR FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (C) OF  
18 SECTION FIVE HUNDRED ONE OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF NINETEEN  
19 HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX, AS AMENDED, ADMINISTERING EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL,  
20 CULTURAL, SENIOR, VETERANS OR SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS OR PROVIDING  
21 VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES, AS THE LEGISLATURE MAY PRESCRIBE, except  
22 pari-mutuel betting on horse races as may be prescribed by the legisla-  
23 ture and from which the state shall derive a reasonable revenue for the  
24 support of government, and except casino gambling at no more than seven  
25 facilities as authorized and prescribed by the legislature shall here-  
26 after be authorized or allowed within this state; and the legislature

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 shall pass appropriate laws to prevent offenses against any of the  
2 provisions of this section.

3 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment  
4 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
5 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
6 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
7 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.