
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8210

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By Senator Heavey

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article II, section 24 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 24. The legislature shall never grant any
9 divorce. Lotteries shall be prohibited except as specifically
10 authorized upon the affirmative vote of sixty percent of the members of
11 each house of the legislature or, notwithstanding any other provision
12 of this Constitution, by referendum or initiative approved by a sixty
13 percent affirmative vote of the electors voting thereon. Lotteries do
14 not include gambling devices. As used in this article, "gambling
15 device" means: Any device or mechanism that requires individual play
16 against the device and the operation of which results in the right to
17 money, credits, deposits, or other things of value being created in
18 return for a consideration as the result of the operation of an element
19 of chance, including any such device or mechanism that, when operated
20 for a consideration, does not return the same value or things of value
21 for the consideration upon each operation thereof; and includes any

1 subassembly or essential part designed or intended for use in
2 connection with the device or mechanism. The device or mechanism
3 includes but is not limited to: Slot machines, video pull-tabs, video
4 poker, and other electronic games of chance regardless of whether the
5 devices or mechanisms are connected to other devices or mechanisms. The
6 ownership, possession, purchase, sale, transportation, manufacture, or
7 operation of gambling devices is prohibited. Such prohibition does not
8 apply to: Mechanical slot machines that were manufactured before 1970
9 and have not been used for gambling purposes by the current owner; or
10 pinball machines or similar mechanical amusement devices that confer
11 only an immediate and unrecorded right of replay.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
13 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
14 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
15 newspaper in the state.

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