

New York Casino Gambling Amendment, Proposal 1 (2013)

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Proposal 1



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Type: Constitutional amendment

Constitution: Article I, Section 9

Referred by: New York Legislature

Topic: Gambling

Status: On the ballot

The **New York Casino Gambling Amendment, Proposal 1**, is on the November 5, 2013 ballot in New York as a legislatively-referred constitutional amendment.

The measure would allow casino gambling statewide. The measure would initially allow for four casinos in upstate New York, and another three in the New York City area after seven years.^[1] Assemblyman J. Gary Pretlow sponsored the measure in the legislature as Assembly Bill 8068.

Text of measure

Ballot summary

The official ballot text reads as follows:^[2]

“ Authorizing Casino Gaming

The proposed amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the Constitution would allow the Legislature to authorize up to seven casinos in New York State for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated. Shall the amendment be approved? ”

Constitutional changes

If approved, Proposal 1 would amend Article I, Section 9, subdivision 1 of the Constitution of New York to read:^[3]

No law shall be passed abridging the rights of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government, or any department thereof; nor shall any divorce be granted otherwise than by due judicial proceedings; except as hereinafter provided, no lottery or the sale of lottery tickets, pool-selling, book-making, or any other kind of gambling, except lotteries operated by the state and the sale of lottery tickets in connection therewith as may be authorized and prescribed by the legislature, the net proceeds of which shall be applied exclusively to or in aid or support of education in this state as the legislature may prescribe, and except pari-mutual betting on horse races as may be prescribed by the legislature and from which the state shall derive a reasonable revenue for the support of government, and except casino gambling at no more than seven facilities as authorized and prescribed by the legislature shall hereafter be authorized or allowed within this state; and the legislature shall pass appropriate laws to prevent offenses against any of the provisions of this section.

Support


The measure was sponsored by Assemblyman Pretlow and was approved unanimously by the New York legislature in 2013.^[3] Gov. Andrew Cuomo is also a major supporter of the measure and was key in the crafting of the amendment's language.^[4]


Path to the ballot

See also: Amending the New York Constitution

According to the New York Constitution, a majority vote is required in two successive sessions of the New York State Legislature in order to qualify a measure for the statewide ballot.

The New York State Senate passed the amendment on June 4, 2013, with a vote of 63 to 0.^[6] The New York State Assembly passed the amendment on March 18, 2013, with a vote of 141 to 0.^[3]

New York Casino Gambling Amendment, S 8068 Senate Vote		
Result	Votes	Percentage
 Yes	63	100%
No	0	0%

New York Casino Gambling Amendment, S 8068 Assembly Vote		
Result	Votes	Percentage
 Yes	141	100%
No	0	0%

External links

- [New York Board of Elections](#)

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