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1997 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

January 28, 1997 – Introduced by Senators RISSER and WELCH, cosponsored by Representatives La Fave, Plouff, Black, Springer, R. Young, Ward, Grothman and Baldwin. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs.

To amend section 24 (5) and (6) (a) of article IV of the constitution; relating to:
eliminating the constitutional authorizations for pari-mutuel on-track betting
and the state lottery beginning on January 1, 2005 (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1997 legislature on first consideration, eliminates the constitutional authorizations for pari-mutuel on-track betting and the state lottery beginning on January 1, 2005.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 24 (5) and (6) (a) of article IV of the constitution are amended to read:

[Article IV] Section 24 (5) This section shall not prohibit pari-mutuel on-track betting, before January 1, 2005, as provided by law. The state may not own or operate any facility or enterprise for pari-mutuel betting, or lease any state-owned land to any other owner or operator for such purposes.

(6) (a) The legislature may authorize the creation of a lottery to be operated,
before January 1, 2005, by the state as provided by law. The expenditure of public
funds or of revenues derived from lottery operations to engage in promotional
advertising of the Wisconsin state lottery is prohibited. Any advertising of the state
lottery shall indicate the odds of a specific lottery ticket to be selected as the winning
ticket for each prize amount offered. The net proceeds of the state lottery shall be
deposited in the treasury of the state, to be used for property tax relief as provided
by law.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

12 (END)