



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Joint Resolution 501

Introduced by: **Senator Ewing**

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the voters an amendment to the**
2 **Constitution of the State of South Dakota, providing for wagering on sporting**
3 **events and to revise provisions regarding certain municipal proceeds of**
4 **gaming revenues.**

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 **Section 1.** That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
8 Article III of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this
9 Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state for
10 approval.

11 **Section 2.** That Article III, § 25 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
12 AMENDED:

13 **§ 25. Games of chance prohibited--Exceptions.**

14 The Legislature~~shall~~may not authorize any game of chance, lottery, or gift
15 enterprise, under any pretense, or for any purpose whatever provided, however, it shall
16 be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law, bona fide veterans, charitable,
17 educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire
18 departments, or such other public spirited organizations as it may recognize, to conduct
19 games of chance when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted
20 to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious, or other public spirited uses. However, it
21 shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law a state lottery or video games of
22 chance, or both, which are regulated by the State of South Dakota, either separately by
23 the state or jointly with one or more states, and which are owned and operated by the
24 State of South Dakota, either separately by the state or jointly with one or more states or
25 persons, provided any such video games of chance~~shall~~may not directly dispense coins
26 or tokens. However, the Legislature~~shall~~may not expand the statutory authority existing

1 as of June 1, 1994, regarding any private ownership of state lottery games or video games
2 of chance, or both. The Legislature shall establish the portion of proceeds due the state
3 from such lottery or video games of chance, or both, and the purposes for which those
4 proceeds are to be used. SDCL 42-7A, and its amendments, regulations, and related laws,
5 and all acts and contracts relying for authority upon such laws and regulations, beginning
6 July 1, 1987, to the effective date of this amendment, are ratified and approved. Further,
7 it shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law, roulette, keno, craps, wagering
8 on sporting events, limited card games and slot machines within the city limits of
9 Deadwood. The entire net Municipal proceeds of such roulette, keno, craps, wagering on
10 sporting events, card games, and slot machines shall be devoted to the Historic
11 Restoration and Preservation of Deadwood.