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 A RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER
 CEASAR C. MITCHELL
Marshall H. Holland

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HR 1421 WHICH PROPOSES AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS HAVING AN ESTABLISHED ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE PARL-MUTUEL BETTING AND CASINO GAMBLING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
ADOPTED BY
 MAR 1 5 2004
Adopted by Full Council 3/15/04

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- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Marshall H. Holland

CERTIFIED
 MAR 1 5 2004
Paula Davidson Johnson
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

MAR 2 4 2004

WITHOUT SIGNATURE
 BY OPERATION OF LAW



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WHEREAS, HR 1421 proposes to allow counties and municipal corporations having an established entertainment district to authorize pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling, conditioned upon the approval of a majority of the voters in a referendum on the issue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has a special entertainment district within its boundaries at Underground Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta continues to subsidize Underground Atlanta's operations on an annual basis with taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is a major urban center and point of attraction and destination for tourists from around the region, nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta devotes considerable resources to providing a safe and clean environment for entertainment activities in its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, a well-managed pari-mutuel betting and gambling program could create taxpayer savings by making Underground Atlanta self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling shall energize Underground Atlanta and generate much needed tax revenue for infrastructure improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the Atlanta City Council supports **House Resolution 1421**, and urges the 2004 Georgia General Assembly to adopt **HR 1421**, a copy of which is hereby attached.



SECTION 2: That the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and all members of the 2004 Georgia General Assembly.

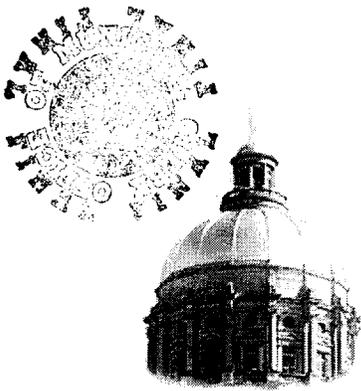
A true copy,

Rhonda Laughlin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

March 15, 2004

March 24, 2004



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HR 1421 - Counties and municipalities; authorize; pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling - CA

(1) Ashe, Kathy 42nd Post 2

HC: Regl SC: 03/01/04 - House Second Readers

First Reader Summary

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize counties and municipal corporations having an established entertainment district to authorize parimutuel betting and casino gambling; to require the approval of the voters in a referendum on the matter; and for other purposes.

Code Titles Referenced in this Legislation.

Bill History	
Date	Action
02/26/04	House First Readers
03/01/04	House Second Readers

Versions

LC 21 7650/a

FULL TEXT

04 LC 21 7650

House Resolution 1421

By: Representative Ashe of the 42nd, Post 2

A RESOLUTION



Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize counties and municipal corporations having an established entertainment district to authorize pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling; to require the approval of the voters in a referendum on the matter; to authorize state and local taxation of the proceeds of such activity; to provide that such local the proceeds shall be used for solely for public safety and improvements to infrastructure; to provide that such state proceeds shall be used in the same manner as state lottery funds; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by inserting a new subparagraph to be designated as subparagraph (e) to read as follows:

"(e) Each county and each municipal corporation which has established an entertainment district may authorize, by ordinance conditioned upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the issue, pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling within such district. Each such political subdivision is authorized to levy a tax upon the proceeds of such betting or gambling; provided, however, that any proceeds derived from local taxation shall be used solely for public safety and improvements to the infrastructure of such political subdivision. The state is authorized to levy a tax upon the proceeds of such betting or gambling; provided, however, that any proceeds derived from such taxation shall be subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph in the same manner as proceeds derived from a lottery conducted pursuant thereto. The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general or local law for further conditions and requirements relative to this subparagraph."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

- "() YES Shall the amendment be approved that provides that counties and municipal corporations may provide for pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling upon the approval of a majority of the voters and authorizes**
- () NO**



the state and local taxation of the proceeds of such activity?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

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3/15/04
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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

PERSONAL

COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL AND MADDOX
TO SUPPORT HB 1421
ADOPT

YEAS: 11
NAYS: 1
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 1
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 2

Y Smith	Y Archibong	E Moore	Y Mitchell
N Starnes	Y Fauver	B Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
B Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

PERSONAL



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