

Reference:

Article X, Section 7

Ballot Title:

LIMITED CASINOS

Ballot Summary:

Authorizing a limited number of gaming casinos in Broward, Dade, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Lee, Orange, Palm Beach and Pinellas Counties, with two in Miami Beach; and limited-size casinos with existing and operating pari-mutuel facilities; and if authorized by the legislature up to five limited-size riverboat casinos in the remaining counties, but only one per county. Mandating implementation by the legislature. Effective upon adoption, but prohibiting casino gaming until July 1, 1995.

Full Text:

Section 1.

Section 7 of Article X is amended to revise its title to read "Lotteries and Limited Casinos," and to designate the existing text as subsection "(a)".

Section 2.

Subsection 7(b) of Article X is created to read:

The operation of a limited number of state regulated, privately owned gaming casinos is authorized, but only:

- (1) at one facility each to be established within the present boundaries of Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Lee, Orange, Palm Beach and Pinellas Counties; and
- (2) at two facilities to be established within the present boundary of Broward County; and
- (3) at three facilities to be established within the present boundary of Dade County, two of which shall be within the present boundary of the city of Miami Beach - with one of those two being in the South Pointe Redevelopment Area – and third facility shall be outside the present boundary of the City of Miami Beach; and
- (4) with each pari-mutuel facility which has been authorized by law as of the effective date of this amendment and which has conducted a pari-mutuel meet in each of the two immediately preceding twelve month periods; provided that no casino located with a pari-mutuel facility shall have a gaming area in excess of 75,000 square feet; and
- (5) at not more than five riverboat casino facilities having a gaming area not in excess of 40,000 square feet, as the legislature may approve within the present boundaries of counties not identified in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3); provided that the legislature shall not approve more than one riverboat casino in any one county.

Section 3.

By general law, the legislature shall implement this section, including legislation to regulate casinos, to tax casinos, and to license casinos to pari-mutuel permit holders and at the other authorized facilities

Section 4.

This amendment shall take effect on the date approved by the electorate; provided however, that no casino gaming shall be authorized to operate in the state until July 1, 1995.