

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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INTRODUCED BY Blaylock

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF STATE LOTTERIES AND THE STATE LOTTERY ISSUE IN MONTANA.

WHEREAS, state lotteries are becoming increasingly popular as a method of raising state revenue, with 17 states and the District of Columbia currently operating lotteries; and

WHEREAS, both the current and preceding regular sessions of the Legislature have had before them a state lottery bill that generated great interest and much debate on both sides of the issue; and

WHEREAS, there are a great many issues involved in deciding whether to pass a state lottery law, and such a law is a complex piece of legislation containing many subjects of great import and interest; and

WHEREAS, there is a massive amount of information and misinformation available concerning lotteries in general and the lotteries of the particular states; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature does not desire a new general broad-based tax or an increase in such a tax, yet is having

difficulty balancing the budget and financing necessary expenditures; and

WHEREAS, a state lottery offers a nontax, voluntary, personal expenditure method of raising state revenue at a rate of \$3,000,000 or more, and perhaps much more, per year under various projections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(1) That an appropriate interim committee, preferably the Revenue Oversight Committee, be assigned to study the state lottery issue.

(2) That the committee include in its study at least the following:

(a) the lottery laws of other states, Senate Bill 324 of the 49th Legislature, and the various model state lottery laws;

(b) the revenue generated by the various state lotteries and the revenue Montana could expect;

(c) the various organizational structures for the operation of a state lottery and the qualifications and compensation of top-level personnel;

(d) how the security and integrity of a lottery can best be maintained;

(e) the types of games played and the methods of

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4 (g) methods of financing the cost of starting a

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