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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17**  
**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**  
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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**  
**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF**  
**NEW MEXICO PROHIBITING THE LEGISLATURE FROM AUTHORIZING**  
**CASINO-STYLE GAMING AND ANY FORM OF A LOTTERY IN THE STATE AND**  
**PROHIBITING THE GOVERNOR FROM EXECUTING FUTURE COMPACTS FOR**  
**CASINO-STYLE GAMING OR LICENSING OF GAMING OPERATORS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 20 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:**

- "A. The legislature shall not authorize gaming under any pretense for any purpose.**
- B. The governor shall not execute a future compact for casino-style gaming or licensing of gaming operators.**
- C. For purposes of this section, "gaming" means:**
  - (1) any or all forms of casino-style gaming,**

1 including slot machines and other forms of electronic gaming  
2 devices, all forms of poker, blackjack, roulette, craps, keno,  
3 wheel of fortune and pai gow; and

4 (2) any form of a lottery. "

5 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
6 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
7 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
8 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
9 purpose.

10 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
11 provisions of Section 1 of this act, if approved by the people  
12 at the next general election or at any special election prior  
13 to that date, is January 1, 2003.

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