



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB5110

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Gambling Expansion Referendum Act. Requires a statewide advisory referendum at the 2008 general election. Sets forth the following question: "Should the General Assembly pass a massive expansion of legalized gambling in Illinois, an expansion that may include creating a new major casino in Chicago and one or more new riverboat casinos, allowing 24-hour gambling at racetracks and online gambling, thereby putting Illinois third in the nation, after Nevada and New Jersey, in the overall size of legalized gambling?". Repeals the Act January 1, 2009. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning a statewide referendum on gambling  
2 expansion.

3 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
4 **represented in the General Assembly:**

5 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
6 Gambling Expansion Referendum Act.

7 Section 5. Referendum. The State Board of Elections shall  
8 cause a statewide advisory public question to be submitted to  
9 the voters at the general election to be held on November 4,  
10 2008. The question shall appear in the following form:

11 "Should the General Assembly pass a massive expansion  
12 of legalized gambling in Illinois, an expansion that may  
13 include creating a new major casino in Chicago and one or  
14 more new riverboat casinos, allowing 24-hour gambling at  
15 racetracks and online gambling, thereby putting Illinois  
16 third in the nation, after Nevada and New Jersey, in the  
17 overall size of legalized gambling?"

18 The votes on the question shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

19 Section 10. Certification. The State Board of Elections  
20 shall immediately certify the question to be submitted to the  
21 voters of the entire State under Section 5 to each election  
22 authority in Illinois.

1           Section 15. Conflicts.    If any provision of this Act  
2 conflicts with any other law, this Act controls.

3           Section 90. Repeal.    This Act is repealed on January 1,  
4 2009.

5           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.