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**S. 395**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Casino boats/gambling vessels

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CASINO BOATS OR GAMBLING VESSELS EMBARKING AND RETURNING TO AN ANCHORAGE IN THIS STATE WITHOUT AN INTERVENING STOP AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THIS STATE WHILE ON THE OPEN OCEAN, WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THIS STATE, MAY CONDUCT GAMBLING ACTIVITIES WITHOUT BEING DEEMED IN VIOLATION OF ANY CRIMINAL LAW OF THIS STATE PROHIBITING GAMBLING OR LOTTERIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Article XVII of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding:

“Section 16. Casino boats or gambling vessels embarking and returning to an anchorage in this State without an intervening stop as permitted by the laws of this State while on the open ocean, within or without the territorial waters of this State, may conduct gambling activities without being deemed in violation of any criminal law of this State prohibiting gambling or lotteries.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Article XVII of the Constitution of this State be amended so as to provide that casino boats or gambling vessels embarking and returning to an anchorage in this State without an intervening stop as permitted by the laws of this State while on the open ocean, within or without the territorial waters of this State, may conduct gambling activities without being deemed in violation of any criminal law of this State prohibiting gambling or lotteries?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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