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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JAMES, JUNE 12, 1995

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 12, 1995

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AN ACT

1 Providing for a nonbinding Statewide referendum to determine the  
2 will of the electorate of this Commonwealth with respect to  
3 the establishment of a limited system of "riverboat" gaming.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Statewide  
8 Nonbinding Riverboat Gaming Referendum.

9 Section 2. Authorization.

10 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be placed on  
11 the ballot, at the primary or general election occurring at  
12 least 30 days next following the effective date of this act, a  
13 nonbinding referendum to determine the will of the electorate of

1 this Commonwealth with respect to the establishment of a limited  
2 system of riverboat gaming.

3 Section 3. Form of question.

4 The referendum question shall be in substantially the  
5 following form:

6 Shall Pennsylvania allow certain counties to permit  
7 "riverboat" gaming under a Statewide commission,  
8 empowered to:

9 (1) License a limited number of riverboats and regulate  
10 and enforce their operation.

11 (2) Authorize a tax on riverboat gaming and share tax  
12 revenues between State and local governments.

13 (3) Allow riverboat gaming in a county only upon  
14 approval of the electorate in a subsequent referendum.

15 (4) Take steps to safeguard the existing State horse  
16 race industry and the Pennsylvania lottery.

17 Section 4. Conduct of election.

18 The referendum shall be advertised and conducted in  
19 accordance with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937  
20 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

21 Section 5. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect immediately.