

SESSION OF 2007

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5023**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HCR 5023, would create the Kansas Commission on Expanded Gaming. The Commission would consist of nine members and two *ex officio* members.

The nine legislative members would be appointed as follows:

- One member appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- One member appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- The Chairperson of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs;
- The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs;
- One member appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

- Two members appointed by the Governor.

The two *ex officio* members would be the Legislative Post Auditor or designee and the Attorney General or designee.

Commission members would be paid expenses, mileage and subsistence allowances from the Legislative Coordinating Council budget.

The Commission may use the staff of the Office of Revisor's of Statutes, the Legislative Research Department and Legislative Administrative Services for assistance to the Commission. The Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission and the Kansas Lottery Commission may act as consultants to the Commission.

The Commission would be charged with:

- Determining the economic feasibility of gaming in Kansas;
- Determining what types of gaming are preferable;
- Determining at what venues gambling should be conducted;
- Making any other suggestions and providing such market research and feasibility information as may be necessary for the State to evaluate the issue of expanded gaming; and
- Appointing subcommittees and advisory committees when necessary.

The Commission would expire on December 31, 2008, and would be required to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor.

Background

Glenn Thompson, Stand Up for Kansas, testified as a proponent on the Resolution. Lana Oleen, representing the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, presented neutral testimony, and no opponents testified.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the resolution by requiring the nine voting members to be legislators; and removing the requirement from one of the Governor's appointments to be a representative of the person representing the native American Indian tribes having reservations in Kansas. In addition, the requirement that one member be from the parimutuel racing industry and one member be a person recognized for expertise in the area of casino gaming also was eliminated.

The fiscal note was not available at the time of passage of the Resolution.