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INITIATIVE PETITIONS—  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE  
MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION

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**INITIATIVE PETITIONS**  
**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games. (Proposal provided under an initiative petition filed with the Secretary of State on July 5, 2004.)**

**The proposal would amend the state constitution by adding language to Article 4, Section 41. The language of the proposed constitutional amendment as presented on the initiative petition follows. Words added to Article 4, Section 41, of the state constitution are in capital letters.**

Article 4, Section 41:

The legislature may authorize lotteries and permit the sale of lottery tickets in the manner provided by law. NO LAW ENACTED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2004, THAT AUTHORIZES ANY FORM OF GAMBLING SHALL BE EFFECTIVE, NOR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2004, SHALL ANY NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES UTILIZING TABLE GAMES OR PLAYER OPERATED MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES BE ESTABLISHED, WITHOUT THE APROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS VOTING IN A STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS VOTING IN THE TOWNSHIP OR CITY WHERE GAMBLING WILL TAKE PLACE. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO GAMBLING IN UP TO THREE CASINOS IN THE CITY OF DETROIT OR TO INDIAN TRIBAL GAMING.

**Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by the proposal if adopted:**

Article 4, Section 41:

The legislature may authorize lotteries and permit the sale of lottery tickets in the manner provided by law.

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**The following is the official ballot wording:**

### **PROPOSAL 04-1**

#### **A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing “table games” or “player operated mechanical or electronic devices” introduced after January 1, 2004.
- Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐

No ☐

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**Compiler's note:** Proposal 04-1, set forth above, was submitted to, and approved by, the voters at the November 2, 2004 general election by a vote of 2,689,448 for, and 1,926,721 against.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to specify what can be recognized as a “marriage or similar union” for any purpose. (Proposal provided under an initiative petition filed with the Secretary of State on July 5, 2004.)**

**The proposal would amend the state constitution by adding a new Section 25 to Article 1. The language of the proposed constitutional amendment as presented on the initiative petition follows.**

Article 1, Section 25:

To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.

At the present time, Article 1 of the state constitution does not contain a Section 25.

**The following is the official ballot wording:**

**PROPOSAL 04-2**

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS  
A “MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION”  
FOR ANY PURPOSE**

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that “the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.”

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐

No ☐

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**Compiler's note:** Proposal 04-2, set forth above, was submitted to, and approved by, the voters at the November 2, 2004 general election by a vote of 2,698,077 for, and 1,904,319 against.