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*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In section 9, article XVIII of the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** (7)(a)(II), (III) as follows:

**(7) Local elections to revise limits applicable to gaming – statewide elections to increase gaming taxes.**

(a) Through local elections, the voters of the cities of Central, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek are authorized to revise limits on gaming that apply to licensees operating in their city's gaming district to extend:

(II) ~~Approved games to include roulette or craps, or both;~~ and

(III) ~~Single bets up to one hundred dollars.~~

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, section 44-30-103, **amend** (22) as follows:

**44-30-103. Definitions.**

(22) "Limited card games and slot machines", "limited gaming", or "gaming" means physical and electronic versions of slot machines, craps, roulette, and the card games of poker and blackjack authorized by this article 30, AS WELL AS SUCH OTHER GAMES AS ARE APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF CENTRAL, BLACK HAWK, OR CRIPPLE CREEK AT A LOCAL ELECTION HELD IN EACH CITY TO CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF GAMING IN THAT JURISDICTION, and defined and regulated by the commission, each game having a maximum single bet ~~of one hundred dollars~~ AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF CENTRAL, BLACK HAWK, OR CRIPPLE CREEK AT A LOCAL ELECTION HELD IN EACH CITY TO CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF GAMING IN THAT JURISDICTION.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, section 44-30-702, **amend** (3)(c)(I) as follows:

**44-30-702. Revenues attributable to local revisions to gaming limits - extended limited gaming fund - identification - separate administration - distribution – definitions.**

(3) From the fund, the state treasurer shall pay:

(c) Of the remaining gaming tax revenues, distributions in the following proportions:

(I) Seventy-eight percent to the state's public community colleges, junior colleges, and local district colleges to supplement existing state funding for student financial aid programs and classroom instruction programs, including PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE STUDENT RETENTION AND INCREASE CREDENTIAL COMPLETION, AS WELL AS workforce preparation to enhance the growth of the state economy, to prepare Colorado residents for meaningful employment, and to provide Colorado businesses with well-trained employees. The revenue shall be distributed to colleges that were operating on and after January 1, 2008, in proportion to their respective full-time equivalent student enrollments in the previous fiscal year. For purposes of the distribution, the state treasurer shall use the most recent available figures on full-time equivalent student enrollment calculated by the Colorado commission on higher education in accordance with subsection (4)(c) of this section.

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, section 44-30-816, **amend** as follows:

**44-30-816. Authorized amount of bets.**

The amount of a bet made pursuant to this article 30 shall not be more, ~~than one hundred dollars~~ on the initial bet or subsequent bet, THAN THE AMOUNTS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF CENTRAL, BLACK HAWK, OR CRIPPLE CREEK AT A LOCAL ELECTION HELD IN EACH CITY TO CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF GAMING IN THAT JURISDICTION, subject to rules promulgated by the commission.

**SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, section 44-30-818, **amend** (1) as follows:

**44-30-818. Approval of rules for certain games.**

(1) Specific rules for blackjack, poker, craps, and roulette, AND SUCH OTHER GAMES AS ARE APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF CENTRAL, BLACK HAWK, OR CRIPPLE CREEK AT A LOCAL ELECTION HELD IN EACH CITY TO CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF GAMING IN THAT JURISDICTION shall be approved by the commission and clearly posted within plain view of the games.

**SECTION 6.** These amendments take effect on May 1, 2021.