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Nearly half of Chicago's voters back a city-owned casino that would raise money to help the city make ends meet, according to a new poll by the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN-TV.

The shifting sentiment to long-standing opposition to the idea also could surface as an argument next month in Springfield when lawmakers return to the state Capitol to finish a lame-duck session, during which a massive gambling expansion will be pushed, the newspaper [reports](#). One of the major provisions is the land-based Chicago casino.

The survey found 47% of Chicago voters now back the casino while 41% percent oppose it. Those numbers are almost the exact opposite of voters' views in a similar *Tribune* survey taken in 2003.

Support was greatest among voters younger than 50 and revealed a sharp gender gap: Among men, 56% backed a city casino while 39% of female voters opposed it.

The Chicago casino provision is among several parts of a gambling expansion plan that narrowly passed the state Senate on Dec. 1, the newspaper reports.

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