

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 255

BY SENATOR CARTER

LOTTERIES. Authorizes three separate additional lottery games with proceeds from each dedicated to veterans, senior citizens, and persons with special needs. (See Act)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9008(C) and to enact R.S. 47:9008(B), (D), and (E),
3 9029(B)(3), (4), and (5), and 9031 through 9033, relative to the Louisiana Lottery
4 Corporation Law; to provide for the creation of lottery games; to provide for lottery
5 proceeds; to create additional funds in the Lottery Proceeds Fund; to dedicate
6 proceeds from certain lottery games to certain funds within the Lottery Proceeds
7 Fund; to create boards to determine how certain lottery proceeds are spent; to
8 provide an effective date; to provide for board membership and procedures; and to
9 provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 47:9008(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:9008(B),
12 (D), and (E), and 9029(B)(3), (4), and (5), and 9031 through 9033 are hereby enacted to read
13 as follows:

14 §9008. Board; lottery games; regulation

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16 ~~€~~ **B.** In all other matters, the board shall advise and make recommendations.

17 In addition, the board shall:

1 (1) In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act conduct hearings
2 upon complaints charging violations of this Subtitle or of administrative regulations
3 adopted by the corporation and shall conduct such other hearings as may be provided
4 by administrative regulation.

5 (2) Review the performance of the corporation and:

6 (a) Advise the president and make recommendations to him regarding
7 operations of the corporation; and

8 (b) Identify potential improvements in this Subtitle, the administrative
9 regulations of the corporation, and management of the corporation.

10 (3) Request from the corporation any information the board determines to
11 be relevant to its duties.

12 (4) Report to the president of the corporation, the governor, the president of
13 the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives regarding its findings
14 and recommendations.

15 **C. The board shall create and adopt all rules necessary for the conduct**
16 **of an instant lottery game to benefit veterans in Louisiana. The board shall:**

17 **(1) Make tickets to the game available for sale continuously to the extent**
18 **practicable.**

19 **(2) Design the tickets and market and advertise the game in a manner**
20 **intended to inform the public that the tickets are available for purchase and**
21 **that all game proceeds are dedicated to veterans' programs in this state. The**
22 **game tickets shall clearly state that the game proceeds are used to benefit**
23 **veterans in this state. The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs may make**
24 **recommendations to the board relating to marketing and advertising of the**
25 **game.**

26 **(3) Ensure that all funds from the game are deposited into the Veterans**
27 **Game Fund.**

28 **D. The board shall create and adopt all rules necessary for the conduct**
29 **of a lottery game to benefit senior citizens in Louisiana. The board shall:**

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(3) There is hereby created within the Lottery Proceeds Fund the Veterans Game Fund. Net lottery proceeds from the game provided for in R.S. 47:9008(C) shall be credited to the Veterans Game Fund.

(4) There is hereby created within the Lottery Proceeds Fund the Senior Citizens Game Fund. Net lottery proceeds from the game provided for in R.S. 47:9008(D) shall be credited to the Senior Citizens Game Fund.

(5) There is hereby created within the Lottery Proceeds Fund the Persons with Special Needs Fund. Net lottery proceeds from the game provided for in R.S. 47:9008(E) shall be credited to the Persons with Special Needs Game Fund.

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§9031. Veterans Game Board; disbursement of funds

A. The Veterans Game Board is hereby created to be solely responsible for the disbursement of the funds in the Veterans Game Fund to programs or entities with the purpose of bettering the lives of veterans in Louisiana. Board members shall serve without compensation and shall not require confirmation by the senate.

B. The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation shall serve as chairman until the first meeting at which time the board shall elect a chairman and vice chairman. The chairman and vice chairman shall be elected annually.

C. The Louisiana Lottery Corporation shall provide administrative support and staff as needed by the board. Staff shall maintain all records of the board at the corporation's office. Administrative costs for the operation of the board, except salary or wages of the employees of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation, shall be paid from the fund.

1 **D. The board shall meet not less than once per quarter at the same**
2 **location the board of directors of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation holds its**
3 **meetings, unless the chairman finds it necessary or convenient in the**
4 **performance of the board's duties to meet at another location.**

5 **E. The board shall consist of:**

6 **(1) The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or his designee.**

7 **(2) The department commander of the Military Order of the Purple**
8 **Heart Louisiana, or his designee.**

9 **(3) The president of the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, or her designee.**

10 **(4) The department chaplain of the American Legion Department of**
11 **Louisiana, or his designee.**

12 **(5) The president of Louisiana Women Veterans, or her designee.**

13 **(6) The executive director of Military Veterans Advocacy, or his**
14 **designee.**

15 **(7) The department commander of the Disabled American Veterans,**
16 **Department of Louisiana, or his designee.**

17 **(8) Two Gold Star Families representatives, appointed by the lieutenant**
18 **governor.**

19 **F. A majority of those present shall constitute a quorum. Voting by**
20 **proxy, by representation, or by mail is prohibited.**

21 **G. At the end of each fiscal year, the board shall submit to the Louisiana**
22 **Lottery board of directors a report of all disbursements and actions taken**
23 **toward the board's intended mission.**

24 **§9032. Senior Citizens Game Board; disbursement of funds**

25 **A. The Senior Citizens Game Board is hereby created to be solely**
26 **responsible for the disbursement of the funds in the Senior Citizens Game Fund**
27 **to programs or entities with the purpose of bettering the lives of senior citizens**
28 **in Louisiana. Board members shall serve without compensation and do not**
29 **require confirmation by the senate.**

1 **B. The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation shall**
2 **serve as chairman until the first meeting at which time the board shall elect a**
3 **chairman and vice chairman. The chairman and vice chairman shall be elected**
4 **annually.**

5 **C. The Louisiana Lottery Corporation shall provide administrative**
6 **support and staff as needed by the board. Staff shall maintain all records of the**
7 **board at the corporation's office. Administrative costs for the operation of the**
8 **board, except salary or wages of the employees of the Louisiana Lottery**
9 **Corporation, shall be paid from the fund.**

10 **D. The board shall meet not less than once per quarter at the same**
11 **location the board of directors of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation holds its**
12 **meetings, unless the chairman finds it necessary or convenient in the**
13 **performance of the board's duties to meet at another location.**

14 **E. The board shall consist of:**

15 **(1) The chairman of the Statewide Independent Living Council, or his**
16 **designee.**

17 **(2) The chairman of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council, or his**
18 **designee.**

19 **(3) The assistant secretary of the Office of Aging and Adult Services, or**
20 **her designee.**

21 **(4) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, or**
22 **his designee.**

23 **(5) A representative of the Louisiana Council on Aging, appointed by the**
24 **lieutenant governor.**

25 **F. A majority of those present shall constitute a quorum. Voting by**
26 **proxy, by representation, or by mail is prohibited.**

27 **G. At the end of each fiscal year, the board shall submit to the Louisiana**
28 **Lottery board of directors a report of all disbursements and actions toward the**
29 **board's intended mission.**

1 **§9033. Persons with Special Needs Game Board; disbursement of funds**

2 **A. The Persons with Special Needs Game Board is hereby created to be**
3 **solely responsible for the disbursement of the funds in the Persons with Special**
4 **Needs Game Fund to programs or entities with the purpose of bettering the lives**
5 **of persons with special needs in Louisiana. Board members shall serve without**
6 **compensation and do not require confirmation by the senate.**

7 **B. The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation shall**
8 **serve as chairman until the first meeting at which time the board shall elect a**
9 **chairman and vice chairman. The chairman and vice chairman shall be elected**
10 **annually.**

11 **C. The Louisiana Lottery Corporation shall provide administrative**
12 **support and staff as needed by the board. Staff shall maintain all records of the**
13 **board at the corporation's office. Administrative costs for the operation of the**
14 **board, except salary or wages of the employees of the Louisiana Lottery**
15 **Corporation, shall be paid from the fund.**

16 **D. The board shall meet not less than once per quarter at the same**
17 **location the board of directors of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation holds its**
18 **meetings, unless the chairman finds it necessary or convenient in the**
19 **performance of the board's duties to meet in another location.**

20 **E. The board shall consist of:**

21 **(1) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs,**
22 **or his designee.**

23 **(2) The assistant secretary of the Office for Citizens with Developmental**
24 **Disabilities, or his designee.**

25 **(3) A representative of the division of special populations, appointed by**
26 **the superintendent of the Department of Education.**

27 **(4) The chairman of the Developmental Disabilities Council, or his**
28 **designee.**

29 **(5) The executive director of the Arc of Louisiana, or his designee.**

Proposed law creates a Veterans Game Board to be the entity responsible for disbursement of the net proceeds from the game to programs or entities with the purpose of bettering the lives of veterans in the state.

Proposed law adds that the board of directors of the La. Lottery Corporation shall also create and adopt all rules necessary for the conduct of an instant lottery game to benefit senior citizens in Louisiana. Further provides the board shall do all of the following:

- (1) Make tickets to the game available for sale continuously to the extent practicable.
- (2) Design the tickets and advertise the game in a manner that makes clear to the public that all net proceeds are dedicated to senior citizen programs in this state.
- (3) Ensure that net proceeds of the game are deposited into the Senior Citizens Game Fund within the Lottery Proceeds Fund.

Proposed law creates a Senior Citizens Game Board to be the entity responsible for disbursement of the net proceeds from the game to programs or entities with the purpose of bettering the lives of senior citizens in the state.

Proposed law adds that the board of directors shall also create and adopt all rules necessary for the conduct of an instant lottery game to benefit persons with special needs in Louisiana. Further provides the board shall do all of the following:

- (1) Make tickets to the game available for sale continuously to the extent practicable.
- (2) Design the tickets and advertise the game in a manner that makes clear to the public that all net proceeds are dedicated to persons with special needs programs in this state.
- (3) Ensure that net proceeds of the game are deposited into the Persons with Special Needs Game Fund within the Lottery Proceeds Fund.

Proposed law creates a Persons with Special Needs Game Board to be the entity responsible for disbursement of the net proceeds from the game to programs or entities with the purpose of bettering the lives of persons with special needs in the state.

Proposed law provides for the following for the Veterans Game Board, Senior Citizens Game Board, and Persons with Special Needs Game Board:

- (1) The CEO of the La. Lottery Corporation shall serve as chairman until the first meeting at which time each board shall elect a chairman and vice chairman. The chairman and vice chairman for each board shall be elected annually.
- (2) The La. Lottery Corporation shall provide administrative support and staff as needed by each board. Administrative costs for the operation of each board, except salary and wages of the employees of the La. Lottery Corporation, shall be paid from board's respective fund.
- (3) Members shall serve without compensation and do not require confirmation by the senate.
- (4) The board must hold no less than one meeting per quarter.
- (5) The board shall submit a report to the La. Lottery Corporation at the end of each fiscal year of its actions and disbursements.
- (6) A majority of those present constitutes a quorum.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article XII, Section 6(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as SB 121 of the 2020 RS is adopted at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020, and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 47:9008(C); adds R.S. 47:9008(B), (D), and (E), 9029(B)(3), (4), and (5), and 9031-9033)