

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 176

BY SENATOR WHEAT

LOTTERIES. Constitutional amendment to provide relative to certain lotteries and certain disbursement of proceeds. (2/3 - CA13s1)

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article XII, Section 6(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to lotteries; to authorize the creation of three separate lottery games with proceeds from each game dedicated to veterans, senior citizens, and special needs persons; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article XII, Section 6(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§6. Lotteries; Gaming, Gambling, or Wagering

Section 6.(A) Lotteries. (1)(a) The legislature may provide for the creation and operation of a state lottery and may create a special corporation for that purpose whose employees shall not be subject to state civil service. ~~The~~ **Except as provided in Subsubparagraph (b) of this Subparagraph, the** net proceeds from the operation of the lottery shall be deposited in a special fund created in the state treasury entitled the Lottery Proceeds Fund. Amounts deposited in the fund shall not

1 be appropriated for expenditure in the same calendar year in which they are received.

2 The legislature shall annually appropriate from the fund only for the purposes of the  
3 minimum foundation program and no more than five hundred thousand dollars for  
4 services related to compulsive and problem gaming as may be provided by law.

5 **(b) In addition to the type or types of lottery conducted by the special**  
6 **corporation, the corporation shall provide for the sale of three separate tickets**  
7 **or shares in the lottery with the net proceeds from the sale of each ticket or**  
8 **share to be appropriated to programs for the benefit of veterans, senior citizens,**  
9 **and special needs persons as defined and provided by law. No appropriation for**  
10 **expenditure of lottery proceeds provided in this Subsubparagraph shall be**  
11 **made in the same calendar year in which the funds are received. The**  
12 **determination of programs and persons eligible to receive funds pursuant to**  
13 **this Subsubparagraph shall be provided by law.**

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15 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to  
16 the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 5,  
17 2024.

18 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election  
19 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
20 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
21 follows:

22 Do you support an amendment to create three separate lottery games with the  
23 proceeds from the sale of each dedicated to veterans, senior citizens, and  
24 special needs persons?

25 (Amends Article XII, Section 6(A)(1))

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Present constitution authorizes the legislature to provide for the creation and operation of a

state lottery and to create a special corporation for that purpose whose employees shall not be subject to state civil service. Requires that the net proceeds from the operation of the lottery be deposited in a special fund in the state treasury entitled the Lottery Proceeds Fund. Requires that deposits into the fund not be appropriated for expenditure in the same calendar year in which they are received. Requires that the legislature annually appropriate from the fund only for the purposes of the minimum foundation program and no more than \$500,000 for services related to compulsive and problem gaming as may be provided by law.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides an exception to the use of net proceeds from the operation of the lottery. Requires that the corporation provide for the sale of three separate tickets or shares in the lottery with the net proceeds from the sale of each ticket or share to be appropriated to programs for the benefit of veterans, senior citizens, and special needs persons as defined and provided by law. Prohibits appropriation of the lottery proceeds in the same calendar year in which these funds are received under proposed constitutional amendment. Requires that the determination of programs and persons eligible as veterans, senior citizens, and special needs persons be provided by law.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. XII, Sec. 6(A)(1))