

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 165** HLS 26RS 34

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> March 5, 2026	5:39 PM	<b>Author:</b> HEBERT
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Lottery		<b>Analyst:</b> Mimi Blanchard
<b>Subject:</b> Lottery Dedications for Veterans		

LOTTERY (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to lottery proceeds benefitting veterans OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 2

Current Constitution requires that net proceeds from lottery operations be deposited into the Lottery Proceeds Fund, and only allows appropriations from the fund for the purposes of the minimum foundation program (no set amount) and \$500,000 to compulsive and problem gaming.

Proposed Constitution authorizes the creation of a new lottery game for the benefit of Louisiana resident military veterans and their families and allows appropriations from the Lottery Proceeds Fund for that purpose, limited to revenue generated by such game.

Effective upon voter approval on November 3, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW					
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

The proposed constitutional amendment authorizes, but does not require, the creation of a new lottery game for veterans or make additional appropriations from the Lottery Proceeds Fund. However, to the extent that a new lottery game is subsequently created, and additional appropriations must be made from the Lottery Proceeds Fund, Treasury may require additional resources to administer such appropriations. If such duties cannot be absorbed within existing resources, additional funding may be required, which is assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

Monies in the Lottery Proceeds Fund are currently dedicated to the Compulsive and Problem Gaming Fund, in a fixed amount of \$500,000 per year, with the balance dedicated to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP). Because the MFP is a constitutional funding mandate, any reduction to the Lottery Proceeds Fund will result in a matching increase in SGF expenditures to finance the MFP.

Additionally, the Louisiana Lottery Corporation (LLC) would incur costs to develop, implement, market, administer, and

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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

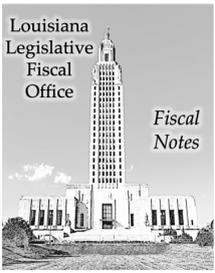
The proposed constitutional amendment authorizes, but does not require, the creation of a new lottery game for veterans. However, to the extent a new lottery game is subsequently created, Louisiana Lottery Corporation (LLC) reports that a veterans lottery game would primarily shift play from existing instant games rather than generate new lottery activity. The veterans game would result in a lower return to the state per dollar wagered, due to a higher prize payout than the blended rate of about 58% for other lottery games, because it must be accounted for separately and cannot be balanced across multiple games and price points. As a result, net lottery proceeds available for general distribution would decrease. Although the game would generate revenues dedicated to veterans and their families, the amount otherwise available for appropriation to the Minimum Foundation Program would decline, resulting in a net reduction to the Lottery Proceeds Fund.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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regulate any such game. These expenses are paid from lottery operating revenues prior to the transfer of net proceeds to the state, therefore represented as "other funds" in the table above.

The Secretary of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Secretary of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Secretary of State may require additional SGF resources for the November 3, 2026, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 27.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

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6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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