

1 minimum foundation program and no more than five hundred thousand dollars for
2 services related to compulsive and problem gaming as may be provided by law. The
3 treasurer shall annually transfer five hundred thousand dollars from the Lottery
4 Proceeds Fund to the Veterans Service Grant Fund, for use as provided by law.

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6 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
7 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
8 2026.

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

13 Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to appropriate up to
14 five hundred thousand dollars from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to be used for
15 the benefit of Louisiana resident military veterans and their families?
16 (Amends Article XII, Section 6(A)(1))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the transfer of monies from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to the Veterans Service Grant Fund.

Present constitution provides that lottery proceeds shall be appropriated only for the purpose of the minimum foundation program and no more than \$500,000 for services related to problem gaming.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and adds a provision requiring the state treasurer to annually transfer \$500,000 from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to the Veterans Service Grant Fund, for use as provided by law.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. XII, §6(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Remove the requirement that the legislature annually appropriate monies from the Lottery Proceeds Fund associated with a new lottery game for the benefit of La. veterans.
2. Require the treasurer to annually transfer \$500,000 from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to the Veterans Service Grant Fund, for use as provided by law.
3. Change the ballot language by removing the language related to creating a new lottery game and adding language allowing the legislature to appropriate up to \$500,000 from the Lottery Proceeds fund to be used for the benefit of La. military veterans and their families.