
DIGEST

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HB 165 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

Hebert

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.