

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

LOTTERY: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to lottery proceeds benefitting veterans

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article XII, Section 6(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the lottery; to provide for certain lottery proceeds for the benefit of veterans; to provide for appropriations from the Lottery Proceeds Fund; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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 of Louisiana, 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) 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 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 be appropriated for expenditure in the same calendar year in which they are received. The legislature shall annually appropriate from the fund only for the purposes of the minimum foundation program, for the benefit of Louisiana resident military veterans and their families using revenue from a lottery game created for that purpose, and no

1 more than five hundred thousand dollars for services related to compulsive and  
2 problem gaming as may be provided by law.

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

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

11 Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to create a new lottery  
12 game from which proceeds will be used for the benefit of Louisiana resident  
13 military veterans and their families? (Amends Article XII, Section 6(A)(1))

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the creation of a new lottery game with proceeds benefitting veterans.

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 allowing the legislature to approve a new lottery game. The proceeds of the new lottery game created pursuant to proposed constitutional amendment would be used for the benefit of La. resident military veterans and their families.

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))