

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS  
ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the  
Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the  
electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election  
for Senators and Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon  
at such election, adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the  
Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution is  
amended to read as follows:

~~§ 14. Lotteries prohibited.~~

~~No lottery shall be authorized by this State, nor shall the sale of~~

1 ~~lottery tickets be allowed.~~

2 § 14. Lotteries and non-profit bingo games.

3 (a) Except as specifically provided in this section, all lotteries, the  
4 sale of lottery tickets, and casino gambling are prohibited.

5 (b)(1) The General Assembly may by law provide that the operation of a  
6 nonprofit bingo game shall not be a lottery and shall be legal in this state.

7 (2) The General Assembly may by law define a nonprofit bingo game  
8 and provide for the regulation of nonprofit bingo games.

9 (c)(1) The General Assembly may by law provide for the operation and  
10 regulation of a lottery or lotteries by or on behalf of the state and for any  
11 matters relating to the purposes or provisions of this subsection.

12 (2) Proceeds derived from the lottery or lotteries operated by or  
13 on behalf of the state shall be used to pay the operating expenses of the  
14 lottery or lotteries, including all prizes, without any appropriation required  
15 by law, and for educational programs and purposes as provided.

16 (3) Net proceeds after payment of the operating expenses shall be  
17 separately accounted for and shall be specifically identified as a separate  
18 budget category entitled "Lottery Proceeds" and the General Assembly shall  
19 make specific recommendations as to educational programs and educational  
20 purposes to which the net proceeds shall be appropriated.

21 (4) The General Assembly shall appropriate all net proceeds of  
22 the lottery or lotteries by the separate budget category to educational  
23 programs and educational purposes.

24 (d)(1) On and after January 1, 2003, the holding of raffles by nonprofit  
25 organizations shall be lawful and shall not be prohibited by any law enacted  
26 prior to January 1, 2003.

27 (2) Laws enacted on or after January 1, 2003, however, may  
28 restrict, regulate, or prohibit the operation of the raffles.

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30 SECTION 2. This amendment becomes effective on January 1, 2003.

31 /s/ B. Walker  
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