

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

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

9 FOR A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS
10 CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW BINGO TO BE CONDUCTED BY
11 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT LAW CONCERNING THE
13 LICENSURE, REGULATION, OR TAXATION OF BINGO.
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Subtitle

15 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
16 ALLOW BINGO TO BE CONDUCTED BY
17 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND TO
18 AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT
19 LAW REGULATING AND TAXING CHARITABLE
20 BINGO.
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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
26 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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28 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
29 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
30 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
31 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election,
32 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
33 the State of Arkansas, to wit:
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35 SECTION 1. (a) As used in this section:

36 (1) "Authorized bingo organization" means a nonprofit tax-exempt



1 religious, educational, veterans, fraternal, service, civic, medical,
2 volunteer rescue service, volunteer firefighters organization, or volunteer
3 police organization that has been in continuing existence as a nonprofit tax-
4 exempt organization in this state for a period of not less than five (5)
5 years immediately prior to conducting the game of bingo; and

6 (2)(A) "Game of bingo" means a single game of the activity
7 commonly known as "bingo" in which the participants pay a sum of money for
8 the use of one (1) or more bingo cards.

9 (B) "Game of bingo" shall include only games in which the
10 winner receives a preannounced, fixed-dollar prize and in which the winner is
11 determined by the matching of letters and numbers on a bingo card imprinted
12 with at least twenty-four (24) numbers, with letters and numbers appearing on
13 objects randomly drawn and announced by a caller, in contemporaneous
14 competition among all players in the game.

15 (b)(1) The game of bingo conducted by an authorized bingo organization
16 shall not be a lottery prohibited by Section 14 of Article 19 of the Arkansas
17 Constitution if all net receipts over and above the actual cost of conducting
18 the game are used only for charitable, religious, or philanthropic purposes.

19 (2) No receipts shall be used to compensate in any manner any
20 person who works for or is in any way affiliated with the authorized bingo
21 organization.

22 (c) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the licensure and
23 regulation of authorized bingo organizations to conduct the game of bingo and
24 may levy taxes on the activity.

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26 SECTION 2. This amendment becomes effective on January 1, 2007.
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