
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
PROCEDURES, ETHICS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide for a statewide lottery for textbooks, computers and other educational media for classrooms. (BDR C-921)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide for a statewide lottery to provide money to school districts for textbooks, computers and other educational media for classrooms.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits this State and the political subdivisions of this State from operating a lottery except for the operation of a lottery authorized by the Legislature in the form of a raffle or drawing for charitable or nonprofit activities. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, § 24)

This resolution proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide for a statewide lottery. If the Legislature authorizes such a lottery, it shall provide by law for the manner of operation of the lottery and for the disbursement of the proceeds from the lottery. All proceeds from the lottery, excluding the expenses directly related to the operation of the lottery, must be disbursed to the school districts in this State. A school district may only use the money for: (1) equipment relating to instruction, including computers and other multimedia hardware; (2) instructional materials and instructional supplies, including textbooks, instructional software and other multimedia instructional materials and supplies; and (3) equipment used primarily for the maintenance or operation of the equipment relating to instruction.



RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 24 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

~~{Sec:}~~ *Sec. 24. 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, no lottery may be authorized by this State, nor may lottery tickets be sold.}~~ The Legislature may authorize a lottery to be operated by or on behalf of the State of Nevada. If the Legislature authorizes such a lottery, the Legislature shall, by law:*

(a) Determine the appropriate manner of operation of the lottery, other than the use of video lottery terminals or similar type of machines.

(b) Provide for the disbursement of all money from the proceeds of the lottery in accordance with this subsection, less any expenses directly related to the operation of the lottery, to the school districts in this State in a fair and equitable manner.

(c) Ensure that the money disbursed to the school districts from the proceeds of the lottery is used only to supplement and not replace the money that a school district would otherwise receive from this State for the system of public education.

(d) Ensure that each school district which receives money from the proceeds of the lottery uses the money only to supplement and not to replace the money that the school district would otherwise expend for:

(1) Equipment relating to instruction for use by pupils enrolled in the public schools, including, without limitation, computers and other multimedia hardware;

(2) Instructional materials and instructional supplies, including, without limitation, textbooks, instructional software for computers and other multimedia instructional materials and supplies for use by pupils enrolled in the public schools; and

(3) Equipment that is used primarily for the maintenance or operation of the equipment described in subparagraph (1).

2. The ~~{State and the}~~ political subdivisions ~~{thereof}~~ of this State shall not operate a lottery.

3. The Legislature may authorize persons engaged in charitable activities or activities not for profit to operate a lottery in the form of a raffle or drawing on their own behalf. All proceeds of the lottery, less expenses directly related to the operation of the lottery, must be used only to benefit charitable or nonprofit activities in this State. A charitable or



1 nonprofit organization shall not employ or otherwise engage
2 any person to organize or operate its lottery for compensation.
3 The Legislature may provide by law for the regulation of such
4 lotteries.

