

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 77

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator LaROSSA

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article IV, Section VII,
2 paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
5 Assembly concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
8 New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

12 Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

13 2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the Legislature unless
14 the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof have been heretofore
15 submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast by, the people at
16 a special election or shall hereafter be submitted to, and authorized by a
17 majority of the votes cast thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State
18 voting at a general election, except that, without any such submission or
19 authorization:

20 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable, educational,
21 religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, senior citizen
22 associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads
23 to conduct, under such restrictions and control as shall from time to time be
24 prescribed by the Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to,
25 the selling of rights to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind
26 of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with cards
27 bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line, the holder
28 covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are drawn from a receptacle
29 and the game being won by the person who first covers a previously
30 designated arrangement of numbers on such a card, when the entire net
31 proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational,
32 charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, and in the case of senior

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 citizen associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in any
2 municipality, in which a majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a
3 general or special election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the
4 Legislature by law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance
5 therein;

6 B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, bona fide
7 veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and
8 service clubs, senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies and
9 first-aid or rescue squads to conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the
10 selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds
11 of games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the drawing for
12 prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the entire net proceeds
13 of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable,
14 patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, and in the case of senior citizen
15 associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in any municipality,
16 in which such law shall be adopted by a majority of the qualified voters, voting
17 thereon, at a general or special election as the submission thereof shall be
18 prescribed by law and for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and
19 control, by law, the conduct of such games of chance;

20 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature: (1) to authorize the conduct of
21 State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate therein and the
22 awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net proceeds of any such
23 lottery shall be for State institutions[,] and State aid for education, and (2) to
24 authorize the use of a portion of any prize money remaining unclaimed one
25 year after a drawing to fund part or all of the funeral costs of police officers
26 killed in the line of duty; [and]

27 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the
28 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the State, of
29 gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as heretofore established,
30 of the city of Atlantic City, county of Atlantic, and to license and tax such
31 operations and equipment used in connection therewith. Any law authorizing
32 the establishment and operation of such gambling establishments shall provide
33 for the State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for the purpose
34 of providing funding for reductions in property taxes, rental, telephone, gas,
35 electric, and municipal utilities charges of[,] eligible senior citizens and disabled
36 residents of the State, and for additional or expanded health services or
37 benefits or transportation services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and
38 disabled residents, in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall
39 by law provide. The type and number of such casinos or gambling houses and
40 of the gambling games which may be conducted in any such establishment shall
41 be determined by or pursuant to the terms of the law authorizing the
42 establishment and operation thereof[.]; and

43 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1) the

1 simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness horse races
2 conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this State, or both, to
3 gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic City and (2) wagering at
4 those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The State's share
5 of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for services to benefit eligible
6 senior citizens as shall be provided by law.

7 (cf: Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 amended effective December 6,
8 1990)

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10 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to
11 pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted
12 to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months
13 after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one
14 newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the
15 Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than
16 three months prior to the general election.

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18 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the
19 people at that election in the following manner and form:

20 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general
21 election, the following:

22 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend
23 which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

24 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+) or
25 check (T) in the square opposite the word 'Yes.' If you are opposed thereto
26 make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the square opposite the word 'No.'

27 In every municipality the following question:

		<p style="text-align:center">CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</p> <p style="text-align:center">PERMITTING PORTION OF UNCLAIMED</p> <p style="text-align:center">STATE LOTTERY PRIZE MONEY TO BE</p> <p style="text-align:center">USED FOR FUNERAL COSTS OF POLICE</p> <p style="text-align:center">OFFICERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY</p>
1	YES	<p>Shall the amendment to Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, providing that a portion of State lottery prize money remaining unclaimed one year after a drawing may be used to fund part or all of the funeral costs of police officers killed in the line of duty, be adopted?</p>
15	NO	<p style="text-align:center">INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This amendment would allow the Legislature to use a portion of any unclaimed State lottery prize money to fund part or all of the funeral costs of police officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, unclaimed lottery prize money may be used only for State institutions and State aid for education, for augmenting prize money and for administrative expenses in operating the lottery. A prize is unclaimed if the winner has not asked for it within one year after a drawing.</p>

STATEMENT

This concurrent resolution proposes to amend the New Jersey Constitution to permit a portion of any State lottery prize money that is unclaimed one year after a drawing may be used to fund part or all of the funeral costs of police officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, unclaimed lottery prize money may be used only for State institutions and State aid for education, for augmenting prize money and for administrative expenses in operating the lottery.

41 Proposes constitutional amendment to permit portion of unclaimed State
42 lottery prize money to be used for funeral costs of police officers killed in line

1 of duty.