



1 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
2 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 44 to Article X thereof, to read as  
3 follows:

4 A. There is hereby created a trust fund to be known as the  
5 "Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund". The trust fund shall  
6 consist of funds transferred to it from the Oklahoma Veterans  
7 Lottery game.

8 B. Monies in the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund shall  
9 only be expended for the following purposes:

10 1. Grants to congressionally-chartered veterans service  
11 organizations within the state for operational funding related to  
12 youth education programs, assisting veterans in need, and providing  
13 service officer funding;

14 2. Grants to individual veterans registered with the Oklahoma  
15 Veterans Registry, widows or widowers of veterans, or family members  
16 designated as a caretaker by the Department of Veterans Affairs for  
17 use during catastrophic emergencies;

18 3. Grants for funding indigent veteran funerals when all other  
19 means of funding have been attempted or exhausted; and

20 4. Grants for veteran outreach programs where veteran  
21 attendance is greater than fifty percent (50%) of the total  
22 attendance to supplement funding needed for operational costs  
23 directly related to the programs.

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1 C. Funds deposited in the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund  
2 shall be administered by the Oklahoma Veterans Trust Fund Board of  
3 Governors. The Board of Governors shall consist of eight (8)  
4 members, one (1) member from each of the following veteran service  
5 organizations: Disabled American Veterans, American Legion,  
6 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Vietnam  
7 Veterans of America, and Military Order of the Purple Heart and two  
8 additional members appointed by the Oklahoma Veterans Council.  
9 Chartered organizations in good standing with the Secretary of State  
10 of Oklahoma shall appoint their members and an alternate to the  
11 Board of Governors for a term of two (2) years. No member shall  
12 serve more than three terms.

13 D. The Legislature shall appropriate funds from the Oklahoma  
14 Veterans Lottery Trust Fund only for the purposes specified in  
15 subsection B of this section. The Legislature shall not use funds  
16 from the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund to supplant or replace  
17 other state funds supporting the military, veterans, or their  
18 families.

19 E. In order to ensure that the funds from the trust fund are  
20 used to enhance and not supplant funding for the military, veterans  
21 or their families, the State Board of Equalization shall examine and  
22 investigate appropriations from the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust  
23 Fund each year. At the meeting of the State Board of Equalization  
24 held within five (5) days after the monthly apportionment in

1 February of each year, the State Board of Equalization shall issue a  
2 finding and report, which shall state whether appropriations from  
3 the trust fund were used to enhance or supplant military, veteran,  
4 or their families' funding. If the State Board of Equalization  
5 finds that funding for military, veterans, or their families was  
6 supplanted by the funds from the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust  
7 Fund, the State Board of Equalization shall specify the amount of  
8 funding that was supplanted. If funding is found to have been  
9 supplanted, the Legislature shall not make any appropriations for  
10 the ensuing fiscal year until an appropriation in the supplanted  
11 fund amount is made to replenish the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust  
12 Fund.

13 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
14 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in  
15 the following form:

16 BALLOT TITLE

17 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a  
20 new Section 44 to Article 10. This measure would create the  
21 Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund. The trust fund shall  
22 consist of monies from the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery game.  
23 The monies of the trust fund shall only be used for certain  
24 veteran-related purposes. Trust funds shall be administered

1 by the Oklahoma Veterans Trust Fund Board of Governors.  
2 Board of Governors members shall be chosen by veteran  
3 service organizations and the Oklahoma Veterans Council.  
4 The monies in the trust fund shall not be used by the  
5 Legislature to replace other state funds used to support  
6 veterans. The State Board of Equalization shall determine  
7 if any trust funds are being used to replace state funding  
8 for veterans. If funding is found to have been replaced,  
9 the Legislature shall not make any appropriations until the  
10 amount of replaced funding is returned to the trust fund.

11 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

12 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

13 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

14 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
15 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and  
16 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in  
17 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
18 Attorney General.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/20/2024 - DO PASS,  
21 As Coauthored.  
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