

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1074

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7 By: Roberts

8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
10 to refer to the people for their approval or
11 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of
12 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new section to
13 Article X to be designated as Section 44; creating
14 the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund; providing
15 for funding source; requiring funds to be expended
only for veteran-related purposes; designating funds
to be administered by the Oklahoma Veterans Trust
Fund Board of Governors; providing for membership;
prohibiting Legislature from using funds to supplant
other funding; directing the State Board of
Equalization to examine and investigate
appropriations annually; requiring appropriation if
certain funds are determined to have been supplanted;
providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
21 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
22 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
23 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 44 to Article X thereof, to read as
24 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 C. Funds deposited in the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund
22 shall be administered by the Oklahoma Veterans Trust Fund Board of
23 Governors. The Board of Governors shall consist of nine (9)
24 members, one member from each of the following veteran service

1 organizations: Disabled American Veterans, American Legion,
2 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paralyzed Veterans of America, National
3 Guard, Air National Guard, Military Order of the Purple Heart, the
4 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, and two additional members
5 appointed by the Oklahoma Veterans Council. Chartered organizations
6 in good standing with the Secretary of State of Oklahoma shall
7 appoint their members and an alternate to the Board of Governors for
8 a term of two (2) years. No member shall serve more than three
9 terms.

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

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

1 or their families' funding. If the State Board of Equalization
2 finds that funding for military, veterans, or their families was
3 supplanted by the funds from the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust
4 Fund, the State Board of Equalization shall specify the amount of
5 funding that was supplanted. If funding is found to have been
6 supplanted, the Legislature shall not make any appropriations for
7 the ensuing fiscal year until an appropriation in the supplanted
8 fund amount is made to replenish the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust
9 Fund.

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

BALLOT TITLE

14 Legislative Referendum No. State Question No.

15 | THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new Section 44 to Article 10. This measure would create the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund. The trust fund shall consist of monies from the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery game.

The monies of the trust fund shall only be used for certain veteran-related purposes. Trust funds shall be administered by the Oklahoma Veterans Trust Fund Board of Governors.

Board of Governors members shall be chosen by veteran service organizations and the Oklahoma Veterans Council.

1 The monies in the trust fund shall not be used by the
2 Legislature to replace other state funds used to support
3 veterans. The State Board of Equalization shall determine
4 if any trust funds are being used to replace state funding
5 for veterans. If funding is found to have been replaced,
6 the Legislature shall not make any appropriations until the
7 amount of replaced funding is returned to the trust fund.

8 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

9 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

10 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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