

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1020

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of
11 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new section to
12 Article X to be designated as Section 44; creating
13 the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund; providing
14 for funding source; requiring funds to be expended
15 only for veteran-related purposes; designating funds
16 to be administered by the Oklahoma Veterans Trust
17 Fund Board of Governors; providing for membership;
18 prohibiting Legislature from using funds to supplant
19 other funding; directing the State Board of
20 Equalization to examine and investigate
21 appropriations annually; requiring appropriation if
22 certain funds are determined to have been supplanted;
23 providing ballot title; and directing filing.
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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
20 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 C. Funds deposited in the Oklahoma Veterans Lottery Trust Fund
24 shall be administered by the Oklahoma Veterans Trust Fund Board of

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

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

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

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

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

15 BALLOT TITLE

16 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

17 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

10 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

11 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

12 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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