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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131

Offered January 21, 2000

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article X a section numbered 7-A, relating to the distribution of lottery revenues.

Patrons—Newman, Bolling, Forbes, Hawkins, Houck, Lucas, Martin, Marye, Maxwell, Miller, K.G., Mims, Puckett, Quayle, Rerras, Reynolds, Schrock, Stolle, Ticer, Trumbo, Watkins and Williams; Delegates: Albo, Black, Bolvin, Broman, Bryant, Byron, Cantor, Cox, Dillard, Drake, Dudley, Griffith, Hargrove, Harris, Howell, Ingram, Jones, S.C., Katzen, Landes, Larrabee, Louderback, Marshall, McClure, McQuigg, Nixon, O'Brien, Parrish, Purkey, Putney, Reid, Rollison, Ruff, Sherwood, Suit, Tata, Wagner, Ware and Weatherholtz

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

WHEREAS, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Virginia, hereinafter set forth, was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly at the regular session of 1999 and referred to this, the next regular session held after the 1999 general election of members of the House of Delegates, as required by the Constitution of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article X a section numbered 7-A as follows:

ARTICLE X

TAXATION AND FINANCE

Section 7-A. Lottery Proceeds Fund; distribution of lottery revenues.

The General Assembly shall establish the Lottery Proceeds Fund. The Fund shall consist of the net revenues of any lottery conducted by the Commonwealth. Lottery proceeds shall be appropriated from the Fund to the Commonwealth's counties, cities and towns, and the school divisions thereof, to be expended for the purposes of public education.

Any county, city, or town which accepts a distribution from the Fund shall provide its portion of the cost of maintaining an educational program meeting the standards of quality prescribed pursuant to Section 2 of Article VIII of this Constitution without the use of distributions from the Fund.

The General Assembly shall enact such laws as may be necessary to implement the Fund and the provisions of this section.

The General Assembly may appropriate amounts from the Fund for other purposes only by a vote of four-fifths of the members voting in each house, the name of each member voting and how he voted to be recorded in the journal of the house.

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