



Public Question No. 2

November 2, 2021 General Election Ballot

Voters Decide YES or NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW CERTAIN
ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT GAMES OF CHANCE TO
USE PROCEEDS FROM THOSE GAMES TO SUPPORT THE
ORGANIZATION

BALLOT QUESTION:

Do you approve amending the Constitution to permit all groups that are allowed to conduct bingo or raffles to use the net proceeds from those games to support their groups?

Currently, only veterans and senior citizen groups may use the net proceeds from those games to support their groups. All other groups that are permitted to conduct bingo or raffles may only use the proceeds from those games for certain purposes. They are not permitted to use those proceeds to support their groups. The amendment would allow the other groups that conduct bingo or raffles to use the proceeds to support their groups as well.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT (as appearing on the ballot):

The Constitution permits certain groups to conduct games of chance such as bingo or raffles. Those groups are veterans, charitable, educational, religious, fraternal, civic, and senior citizen groups; volunteer fire companies; and first-aid or rescue squads.

The net proceeds from those games of chance may only be used for educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses. However, veterans and senior citizen groups may also use the proceeds from those games to support their groups. This amendment would permit all of the groups authorized to conduct games of chance to use the net proceeds from conducting bingo or raffles to support their groups.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (prepared by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey):

The current constitution allows veterans and senior citizen groups to use the proceeds from games of chance for general operating expenses such as rent, maintenance, supplies or staff as well as for a specific program the group provides. The other groups permitted to conduct games of chance must use the proceeds for a specific restricted program or outreach not "to support their group" or for general operating expenses. If passed, this amendment will permit all groups allowed to conduct games of chance to use the proceeds to support their

organizations' budget. This amendment does not alter the licensing or eligibility requirements of operating a legalized game of chance.

Reasons a voter might vote "Yes":

- This amendment eliminates distinctions between classes of non-profits in terms of how they can use money raised by games of chance.

Reasons a voter might vote "No":

- This amendment may increase non-profit organizations' reliance on gambling to meet operational costs.