
**Constitutional Amendment To Be Voted
Upon in State of Nevada at General
Election, November 8, 1966**

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QUESTION NO. 1

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“Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, that section 7 of article 2 of the constitution of the State of Nevada be repealed.” —be approved.

Yes 90,241 ☐

No 13,614 ☐

**Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Amendment Repealing
Section 7 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada**

The purpose of this proposed Amendment is to repeal the poll tax which has been a part of our Constitution for almost 60 years. The tax applies only to male residents of this State between the ages of 21 and 60. Women and uncivilized American Indians were excepted.

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to 4 and the Senate by a vote of 15 to 2; then at the 1965 Session, it passed the Assembly by a vote of 28 to 7 and the Senate 13 to 4.

A majority "yes" vote would result in a repeal of Section 7 of Article 2 of the Nevada Constitution and thus eliminate the poll tax.

QUESTION NO. 2

Section 24 of Article 4 of the Constitution now reads as follows:

No lottery shall be authorized by this state, nor shall the sale of lottery tickets be allowed.

The full text of the Amendment proposed by the initiative petition is as follows:

"AN INITIATIVE PETITION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA RELATING TO A STATE LOTTERY

TO: THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the State of Nevada, by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of Article XIX of the Constitution of the State of Nevada and Sections 295.015, 295.035 and 295.055 of Nevada Revised Statutes, hereby propose by this initiative petition an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nevada, the full text of which is hereinafter set forth, and we petition you to cause the question of approval or disapproval of such proposed amendment to be submitted to the voters of the entire State of Nevada in the manner and at the time or times required by the provisions of Section 2 of Article XIX of the Constitution of the State of Nevada and Section 295.035 of Nevada Revised Statutes."

The full text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

"THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

The Constitution of the State of Nevada is hereby amended by adding thereto a new article, designated Article XX, which shall immediately follow Article XIX, and shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XX

STATE LOTTERY

Section 1. The costs of state government have increased to the point that existing sources of state revenue are inadequate, and the imposition of new and more burdensome taxation will be the inevitable result unless a new source of revenue is authorized. The purpose of this article is to provide a new source of revenue for the state by the creation of a state lottery, the operation of which will result in the reduction of the amount of state taxes and the promotion of the public good and the security and benefit of the people of this state.

Section 2. No individual, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity shall conduct a lottery or lotteries in the State of

Nevada without first having received a license therefor from the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor pursuant to the provisions of this article. Subject to the provisions of this article, the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall grant but one exclusive license at a time to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state. In consideration of the time and money expended by SILVER STATE SWEEPSTAKES, LTD., a Nevada corporation, in informing the people of this state concerning the advantages of a state lottery, the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall issue an exclusive original license to SILVER STATE SWEEPSTAKES, LTD., to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state for a term of ten (10) years commencing sixty (60) days after this article becomes effective. Upon the expiration of the term of the exclusive original license issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall issue one exclusive license at a time thereafter to an individual, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity for such term and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by law or by regulation of the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor.

Section 3. Within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the exclusive original license to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state, the licensee shall pay to the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor a license fee of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS, and thereafter during the remaining term of the exclusive original license the licensee shall pay an annual license fee of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS to the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor. After the expiration of the term of the exclusive original license issued pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of this article, the annual license fee to be paid by a licensee, to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state shall be FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS. All license fees received by the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The payment of the required annual license fee by a licensee shall be considered as an in lieu tax and no other license fee, excise tax or personal property tax shall be assessed against or collected from such licensee by the State of Nevada or a county, city, unincorporated town, special district or other political subdivision thereof by reason of such licensee's possession, distribution or sale of lottery tickets.

Section 4. The Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall:

(a) Supervise the printing of lottery tickets, the draw of lottery tickets and the distribution of funds derived from the sale of lottery tickets.

(b) Establish and maintain a place within this state where the draw of winning lottery tickets shall be held. The place of the draw so established shall be open to the public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend the draw.

(c) Cause to be published in a newspaper published in and having a general circulation in this state a list of winning lottery tickets derived from any draw conducted under the terms of this article.

(d) Keep a full and true record of all its proceedings relating to the

state lottery and shall preserve all of its books, documents and papers relating to such lottery. All such records relating to the state lottery shall be open to inspection by the public during regular office hours.

(e) Within the limits of legislative appropriations, employ such number of persons as may be necessary to carry out its duties under the provisions of this article.

Section 5. The Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall supervise the sale of lottery tickets and the operation of the state lottery by the licensee. The licensee shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred in the operation of the state lottery. Lottery tickets shall be printed at the direction of the licensee in booklets of twenty four (24) tickets. The individual ticket denomination shall be THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS. Booklets of twenty four (24) tickets may be sold by the licensee for FIFTY SIX (\$56.00) DOLLARS per booklet, but tickets numbering less than twenty four (24) shall be sold by the licensee for THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS per ticket. Ticket booklets shall contain a front and back cover, twenty four (24) individual tickets and twenty four (24) individual counterfoils or ticket stubs which must provide space for the name and address of the purchaser and may provide space for the name and address of the seller, if other than the licensee. The prize structure shall be based upon each unit of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS gross receipts to the licensee. If the prize fund is less than ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS it will be disbursed as a unit, the amounts of the prizes being proportionately reduced, but within the percentage structure established by section 6. Prize winners shall be the persons named in the counterfoils drawn, and they shall be notified. The numbers on the lottery tickets shall be for reference purposes only. Tickets on following lotteries shall be issued to subscribers whose ticket counterfoils are received after the official closing date. A seller's bonus may be included within the prize structure at the option of the licensee if the seller is other than the licensee. The number of lotteries conducted during any calendar year, the prize structure within the limits established by section 6 and the method of distribution of tickets within the state shall be determined by the licensee.

Section 6. From the funds received by the licensee from the sale of lottery tickets:

Forty percent (40%) thereof shall be paid by the licensee into a special trust fund created by the licensee, under the supervision of the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor, from which special trust fund the licensee shall pay the required prizes;

Thirty percent (30%) thereof shall be paid by the licensee to the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund; and

Thirty percent (30%) thereof shall be retained by the licensee to defray costs of operation as provided in section 5 of this article, for the payment of federal taxes, and as profit, if any.

Section 7. No lottery ticket shall be sold:

- (a) Outside the State of Nevada;
- (b) To any person under the age of twenty one (21) years; or
- (c) On a public street or highway.

Any violation of the provisions of this article is a misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

Section 8. Section 24 of Article 4 of this constitution and all other provisions of this constitution in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this article are hereby repealed. If any portion, section or clause of this article is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remainder of the article.

Section 9. The provisions of this article are self-executing but the legislature may provide by law for procedures to facilitate the operation thereof."

Explanation of the Purposes of the Initiative Petition Proposing the Amendment to the Constitution of Nevada

The three main purposes of said Amendment are:

1. To repeal Section 24 of Article 4 of the Constitution which prohibits lotteries, or the sale of lottery tickets in this State.

2. To add Article XX to our Constitution, which would be word for word the same as the proposed initiative petition, authorizing a private corporation an exclusive ten year license to conduct lotteries in Nevada, by payment by said corporation to the State the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per annum in lieu of all state, county, city or political subdivision taxes.

3. To distribute the funds received by the sale of tickets as follows:

(a) 40% for prizes.

(b) 30% to the general fund of the state treasury.

(c) 30% to the licensee for profit and cost of operation.

If adopted by a majority "yes" vote, Section 24 of Article 4 of our Constitution prohibiting lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets will be repealed; Article XX permitting an exclusive franchise to Silver State Sweepstakes, Ltd. to conduct lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets in this State upon the payment of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per year in lieu of all taxes, will be adopted.

Statements for the Printed Ballots and Voting Machines

The following language should appear on the printed ballots and voting machines:

QUESTION NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Shall—An amendment to amend the Nevada Constitution by repealing Section 24, Article IV, which prohibits the conduct of lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets in this State, and by adding Article XX, which would authorize the conduct of lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets in the State of Nevada, and would grant an exclusive license to SILVER STATE SWEEPSTAKES, LTD. to operate a lottery for a period of ten years, for a payment to the State of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in lieu of all taxes, —be approved.

Yes.....☐

No.....☐

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nevada, at my office in Carson City, Nevada, this 20th day of July, 1966.

John Koontz

Secretary of State

(SEAL)

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Yes.....9,024.....☒
No.....1,364.....☐

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