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**One Hundred and Eightieth Legislature**  
OF THE  
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AND  
**Ninth Under the New Constitution**



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AMENDMENTS TO THE  
1947 CONSTITUTION

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph two, to read as follows:

2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the Legislature unless the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof have been heretofore submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast by, the people at a special election or shall hereafter be submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State voting at a general election, except that, without any such submission or authorization;

A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions and control as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with cards bearing numbers or other designations, five or more in one line, the holder covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who first covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers on such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, in any municipality, in which a majority of the qualified voters, voting

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thereon, at a general or special election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance therein, and

B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds of games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the drawing for prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, in any municipality, in which such law shall be adopted by a majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by law and for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and control, by law, the conduct of such games of chance.

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article VIII, Section I, paragraph three, to read as follows:

3. Any citizen and resident of this State now or hereafter honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, in time of war or of other emergency as, from time to time, defined by the Legislature, in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be exempt from taxation on real and personal property to an aggregate assessed valuation not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), which exemp-

tion shall not be altered or repealed. Any person hereinabove described who has been or shall be declared by the United States Veterans Administration, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability, shall be entitled to such further exemption from taxation as from time to time may be provided by law. The widow of any citizen and resident of this State who has met or shall meet his death on active duty in time of war or of other emergency as so defined in any such service shall be entitled, during her widowhood, and while a resident of this State, to the exemption in this paragraph provided for honorably discharged veterans and to such further exemption as from time to time may be provided by law. The widow of any citizen and resident of this State who has had or shall hereafter have active service in time of war or of other emergency as so defined in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who died or shall die while on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or who has been or may hereafter be honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in time of war or of other emergency as so defined in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be entitled, during her widowhood and while a resident of this State, to the exemption in this paragraph provided for honorably discharged veterans and to such further exemptions as from time to time may be provided by law.





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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE 1947 CONSTITUTION  
THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED

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## Proposed Amendments to the 1947 Constitution that have been Rejected

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT REJECTED

Amend Article VII, Section II, paragraph 2  
to read as follows:

2. County clerks, surrogates and sheriffs shall be elected by the people of their respective counties at general elections. The term of office of county clerks, surrogates and sheriffs shall be 5 years. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any such office, it shall be filled in the manner to be provided by law.

There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at such general election, the following:

If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (×), plus (+) or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are opposed thereto make a cross (×), plus (+) or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "No."

	Yes.	Shall the amendment of Article VII, Section II, paragraph 2 of the Constitution to fix the terms of sheriffs at 5 years instead of 3 years, be approved?
	No.	

In any municipality in which voting machines are used, the question shall be placed upon the of-

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ficial ballots to be used upon the voting machines without the foregoing instructions to the voters and shall be voted upon by the use of such machines without marking as aforesaid.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT REJECTED

Amend Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 1 of the Constitution to read as follows:

1. Property shall be assessed for taxation under general laws and by uniform rules. All real property assessed and taxed locally or by the State for allotment and payment to taxing districts shall be assessed according to the same standard of value; and such real property shall be taxed at the general tax rate of the taxing district in which the property is situated, for the use of such taxing district. The Legislature may authorize the governing body of any municipality constituting a taxing district to establish a proportion of the standard of value at which such real property situate therein shall be assessed, and such proportion shall be uniformly applied to all such real property within the taxing district.