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AMENDMENTS TO THE 1947 CONSTITUTION

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Proposed Amendment Adopted

Amend Article IV, Section VIII, paragraph 2, 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 restriction 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 thereon, at a general or special election as the sub-

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mission 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 kind 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.

Adopted Nov. 3, 1953. Effective Jan. 1, 1954.

Proposed Amendment Adopted

Amend Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 3, 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 exemption 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.

Adopted Nov. 3, 1953. Effective Jan. 1, 1954.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article II, paragraph 3 as follows:

3. Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 21 years, who shall have been a resident of this State 6 months, and of the county in which he claims his vote 60 days, next before the election, shall be entitled to vote for all officers that now are or hereafter may be elective by the people and upon all questions which may be submitted to a vote of the people.

Adopted November 5, 1957.
Effective December 5, 1957.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article VIII, Section IV, paragraph 2 of the Constitution to read as follows:

2. The fund for the support of free public schools, and all money, stock and other property, which may hereafter be appropriated for that purpose, or received into the treasury under the provision of any law heretofore passed to augment the said fund, shall be securely invested, and remain a perpetual fund; and the income thereof, except so much as it may be judged expedient to apply to an increase of the capital, shall be annually appropriated to the support of free public schools, and for the equal benefit of all the people of the State; and it shall not be competent, except as hereinafter provided, for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use the said fund or any part thereof for any other purpose, under any pretense whatever. The bonds of any school district of this State, issued according to law, shall be proper and secure investments for the said fund and, in addition, said fund, including the income therefrom and any other moneys duly appropriated to the support

of free public schools may be used in such manner as the Legislature may provide by law to secure the payment of the principal of or interest on bonds or notes issued for school purposes by counties, municipalities or school districts or for the payment or purchase of any such bonds or notes or any claims for interest thereon.

Adopted November 4, 1958.

Effective December 4, 1958.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 1947 CONSTITUTION THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED

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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 official 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.

Filed July 9, 1956.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT REJECTED

Amend Article VII, 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.