

# HB47 INTRODUCED



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3 By Representative Hill (Constitutional Amendment)  
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SYNOPSIS:

Under the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, the Legislature has no power to enact laws providing for a lottery or gift enterprise and is instead required to pass laws prohibiting such activities.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the Legislature, by general law, may authorize, license, tax, and provide for the operation of traditional paper raffles and traditional paper bingo when conducted for noncommercial charitable purposes only.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to gaming; to propose an amendment to Section 65 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and to add Section 65.1 to the Constitution of Alabama 2022, to provide that the Legislature, by general law, may authorize, license, tax, and provide for the operation of traditional paper raffles and paper bingo conducted for noncommercial charitable purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution



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29 of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

30 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

31 Part 1. Section 65 of the Constitution of Alabama of  
32 2022, is amended to read as follows:

33 Section 65

34 (a) The legislature Except as otherwise provided in  
35 this constitution, the Legislature shall have no power to  
36 authorize lotteries or gift enterprises for any purposes, and  
37 shall pass laws to prohibit such activities~~the sale in this~~  
38 ~~state of lottery or gift enterprise tickets, or tickets in any~~  
39 ~~scheme in the nature of a lottery; and all acts, or parts of~~  
40 ~~acts heretofore passed by the legislature of this state,~~  
41 ~~authorizing a lottery or lotteries, and all acts amendatory~~  
42 ~~thereof, or supplemental thereto, are hereby avoided.~~

43 (b) Any law enacted by the Legislature in violation of  
44 this section shall be void.

45 Part 2. The following Section 65.1 is added to the  
46 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to read as follows:

47 Section 65.1

48 (a) Notwithstanding Section 65, the Legislature, by  
49 general law, may authorize, license, tax, and provide for the  
50 operation of the following activities:

51 (1) Traditional raffles, using only cardboard, paper,  
52 plastic, or some functionally similar material.

53 (2) Traditional bingo, using only cardboard, paper,  
54 plastic, or some functionally similar material.

55 (b) Any activity conducted pursuant to the authority of  
56 this section shall be conducted only for noncommercial





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85           Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as  
86 a part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved  
87 by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.

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