

# Article IV, Section VII, Paragraph 2 New Jersey Constitution

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SENATE: No

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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## **FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:**

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REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

'A Good Day's Work', *Trenton Evening Times*, 6/29/1953, pg 2

'A Bow To Taxpayers Association', *Trenton Evening Times, from the Passiac Herald-News*, 7/7/1953, pg 14  
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'St. Paul Pastor Heads Council of Churches', *Trenton Evening Times*, 9/22/1953, pg 1  
'Notice of General Election', *Trenton Evening Times*, 10/19/1953, pg 27  
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'WCTU Told Vote For Bingo Would Legalize All Gambling', *Trenton Evening Times*, 10/21/1953, pg 2  
'Notice of General Election', *Trenton Evening Times*, 10/23/1953, pg 30  
'City of Trenton – Notice', *Trenton Evening Times*, 10/26/1953, pg 26  
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'Protect Your Children And Your Home By A "No" Vote In The Bingo-Raffles Referendum on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!', *Trenton Evening Times*, 11/1/1953, pg 37  
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 14

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 25, 1953

By Mr. STOUT

(Without Reference)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION for the publication and submission to the people of a proposed amendment of Article IV, Section VII, paragraph two of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature on June twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

1 WHEREAS, A proposed amendment to the Constitution has been agreed to by  
2 three-fifths of all the members of each of the respective Houses of the  
3 Legislature in the manner following:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

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

12 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, re-  
13 ligious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire com-  
14 panies and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions and  
15 control as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Legislature by law,

16 games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights to participate,  
 17 and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind of game of chance sometime  
 18 known as bingo or lotto, played with cards bearing numbers or other desig-  
 19 nations, five or more in one line, the holder covering numbers as objects,  
 20 similarly numbered, are drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by  
 21 the person who first covers a previously designated arrangement of  
 22 numbers on such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of  
 23 chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or  
 24 public-spirited uses, in any municipality, in which a majority of the qualified  
 25 voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election as the submission  
 26 thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by law, shall authorize the  
 27 conduct of such games of chance therein, and

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

1       BE IT RESOLVED *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General*  
 2 *Assembly concurring)*:

1       1. Said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published at  
 2 least once in at least one newspaper of each county designated by the Presi-  
 3 dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly and the Sec-  
 4 retary of State, not less than three months prior to the date fixed for the

5 holding of the general election in the year one thousand nine hundred and  
6 fifty-three.

1 2. The said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted  
2 to the people at said election in the following manner and form:

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

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

	Yes.	Shall the amendment of Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the Constitution to make lawful the conduct of games of chance sometimes called Bingo, and to permit the Legislature to make lawful the conduct of games of chance sometimes called Raffles, by bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads, under such restrictions and control as shall from time to time be prescribed by law, 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 the majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon as prescribed by law, shall authorize the same, agreed to by the one hundred seventy-seventh Legislature on June twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, be approved?
	No.	

9 In any municipality in which voting machines are used, the question  
10 shall be placed upon the official ballots to be used upon the voting machines  
11 without the foregoing instructions to the voters and shall be voted upon by  
12 the use of such machines without marking as aforesaid.