

1 HB660  
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3 By Representative Ford (J) (Constitutional Amendment)  
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ENROLLED, An Act,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to legalizing certain operations of bingo games for prizes or money for charitable or educational purposes in Macon County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of this act are fulfilled:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The operation of bingo games for prizes or money by nonprofit organizations for charitable, educational, or other lawful purposes shall be legal in Macon County. The sheriff shall promulgate rules and regulations for the licensing and operation of bingo games within the county. The sheriff shall insure compliance pursuant to any rule or regulation and the following requirements:

(1) No person under the age of 19 years shall be permitted to play any game or games of bingo, nor shall any person under the age of 19 years be permitted to conduct or assist in the operation of any game of bingo.

(2) No bingo license shall be issued to any nonprofit organization, unless the organization shall have

1       been in existence for at least three years in the county  
2       immediately prior to the issuance of the permit or license.

3               (3) Bingo games may be operated on the premises  
4       owned or leased by the nonprofit organization operating the  
5       bingo game.

6               (4) A nonprofit organization may enter into a  
7       contract with any individual, firm, association, or  
8       corporation to have the individual or entity operate bingo  
9       games or concessions on behalf of the nonprofit organization.  
10       A nonprofit organization may pay consulting fees to any  
11       individual or entity for any services performed in relation to  
12       the operation or conduct of a bingo game.

13              (5) A nonprofit organization may lend its name or  
14       allow its identity to be used by another person or entity in  
15       the operating or advertising of a bingo game in which the  
16       nonprofit organization is not directly and solely operating  
17       the bingo game.

18              (6) Prizes given by any nonprofit organization for  
19       the playing of bingo games shall not exceed the cash amount or  
20       gifts of equivalent value set by rule or regulation during any  
21       bingo session during any calendar week.

22              Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
23       shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the  
24       Constitution of Alabama of 1901, and the election laws of this  
25       state.

1           Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
2 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
3 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
4 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
5 the proposed constitutional amendment:

6           "Relating to Macon County, proposing an amendment to  
7 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the operation  
8 of bingo games by nonprofit organizations for charitable,  
9 educational, and other lawful purposes.

10           "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_ . "

11           This description shall be followed by the following  
12 language:

13           "Yes ( ) No ( )."

