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- 2 171437-1
- 3 By Senator Sanford (Constitutional Amendment)
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8	SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, lotteries and gift
9	enterprises are prohibited by Section 65 of the
10	Constitution of Alabama of 1901.
11	This bill proposes an amendment to Section
12	65 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 to
13	establish an Alabama General Fund Lottery; to
14	provide for participation in multi-state lottery
15	games only; and to require the Legislature to pass
16	general laws to implement the amendment.
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18	A BILL
19	TO BE ENTITLED
20	AN ACT
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22	Proposing an amendment to Section 65 of the
23	Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama
24	General Fund Lottery; to provide for participation in
25	multi-state lottery games only; and to require the Legislature
26	to pass general laws to implement the amendment.
27	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the

Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and

shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a

majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in

accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution

of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

"Section 65.

"<u>Part I.</u>

"Except as provided in Part II, the The legislature shall have no power to authorize lotteries or gift enterprises for any purposes, and shall pass laws to prohibit the sale in this state of lottery or gift enterprise tickets, or tickets in any scheme in the nature of a lottery; and, except as provided in Part II, all acts, or parts of acts heretofore passed by the legislature of this state, authorizing a lottery or lotteries, and all acts amendatory thereof, or supplemental thereto, are hereby avoided.

"Part II.

"Section 1. Declarations. The Legislature finds that lotteries have been enacted in many states and the revenues generated from those lotteries have contributed to the benefit of those states. Many Alabamians already participate in other state lotteries. Therefore, the purpose of the proposed amendment is to establish and provide for a lottery to generate revenue for the State General Fund.

1	"Section 2. Establishment of an Alabama General Fund
2	Lottery.
3	"(a) The Legislature, by general law, shall provide
4	for the establishment, administration, operation, and
5	regulation of an Alabama General Fund Lottery consistent with
6	this part.
7	"(b) The proceeds from the Alabama General Fund
8	Lottery shall be applied first to the payment of the expenses
9	of administering and operating the lottery, including, without
10	limitation, the payment of all prizes, without any further
11	appropriation required by law, and the balance of the proceeds
12	remaining after the payments shall be deposited in the State
13	General Fund.
14	"(c) The administration of the Alabama General Fund
15	Lottery shall be vested in a state agency or entity
16	established by the Alabama Legislature.
17	"(d) The lottery games authorized shall be limited
18	to multi-state lottery games only.
19	"(e) The control, management, and operation of the
20	lottery shall be provided for in one or more general laws
21	enacted by the Legislature subsequent to and supplemental to
22	this amendment."
23	END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT
24	Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
25	shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
26	Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
27	and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of

Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this 1 state on November 17, 2015. 2 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall 3 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the 5 following description of the substance or subject matter of 6 7 the proposed constitutional amendment: "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of 8 Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama General Fund Lottery; 9 10 to provide for participation in multi-state lottery games 11 only; and to require the Legislature to pass general laws to 12 implement the amendment. "Proposed by Act _____." 13 This description shall be followed by the following 14 15 language: "Yes () No ()." 16