



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 119

March 19, 2010 – Introduced by Representative RADCLIFFE. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security.

1 **To amend** section 24 (6) (a) of article IV of the constitution; **relating to:** permitting
2 the use of the net proceeds of the state lottery for the payment of interest on
3 loans made to any person to commence the business of farming (first
4 consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, under the Wisconsin Constitution, the net proceeds of the state lottery must be used for property tax relief for residents of this state. This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2009 legislature on first consideration, provides that the net proceeds of the state lottery may also be used for the payment of interest on loans made to any person to commence the business of farming as provided by law.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

5 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**
6 **SECTION 1.** Section 24 (6) (a) of article IV of the constitution is amended to read:
7 [Article IV] Section 24 (6) (a) The legislature may authorize the creation of a
8 lottery to be operated by the state as provided by law. The expenditure of public funds
9 or of revenues derived from lottery operations to engage in promotional advertising

1 of the Wisconsin state lottery is prohibited. Any advertising of the state lottery shall
2 indicate the odds of a specific lottery ticket to be selected as the winning ticket for
3 each prize amount offered. The net proceeds of the state lottery shall be deposited
4 in the treasury of the state, to be used for property tax relief for residents of this state
5 as provided by law. The distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery may not
6 vary based on the income or age of the person provided the property tax relief. The
7 distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery shall not be subject to the
8 uniformity requirement of section 1 of article VIII. The net proceeds of the state
9 lottery may also be used for the payment of interest on loans made to any person to
10 commence the business of farming as provided by law. In this paragraph, the
11 distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery shall include any earnings on the
12 net proceeds of the state lottery.

13 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
14 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
15 months previous to the time of holding such an election.

16 (END)