

By Commissioner Nabors

A proposal to revise
ARTICLE X, s. 15, Fla. Const.; limiting the use
of state lottery net proceeds to financing
certain educational facilities or funding early
childhood care and education programs.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 15 of Article X of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 15. State operated lotteries.--

(a) Lotteries may be operated by the state.

(b) If any subsection or subsections of the amendment
to the Florida Constitution are held unconstitutional for
containing more than one subject, this amendment shall be
limited to subsection (a) above.

(c) This amendment shall be implemented as follows:

(1) Schedule--On the effective date of this amendment,
the lotteries shall be known as the Florida Education
Lotteries. Net proceeds derived from the lotteries shall be
deposited to a state trust fund, to be designated The State
Education Lotteries Trust Fund, to be appropriated by the
Legislature. The schedule may be amended by general law.

(d) Net proceeds derived from the lotteries which are
deposited into the State Education Lotteries Trust Fund shall
be appropriated by the legislature solely for the following
purposes:

1 (1) To finance or refinance, as provided by general
2 law, bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued by the state
3 or school districts to construct, improve, or renovate public
4 schools and facilities for institutions of higher learning,
5 community colleges, and vocational technical schools or to
6 provide for the construction, improvement, or renovation of
7 such educational facilities from the annual appropriation of
8 net lottery proceeds; or

9 (2) To provide appropriations for early childhood care
10 and education programs established by general law which are
11 not provided on the effective date of this amendment or for
12 enhanced appropriations for existing programs of early
13 childhood care and education at appropriation levels in excess
14 of the state appropriations provided during state fiscal year
15 1998-1999 from state revenues.

16 (e) This section shall take effect upon adoption by
17 the electors. The restrictions on the legislature imposed by
18 this section on the appropriation of net lottery proceeds
19 shall begin with the state budget adopted for state fiscal
20 year 2000-2001.

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