

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1120

Hearing Date: Monday February 23, 2026
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Hansen
One Liner: Authorize a progressive jackpot form of lottery and raffle under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Holdcroft, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Quick, Rountree, Storm
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Ben Hansen
Russ Cook
Don Sorensen
Jim Sandvold
Jeffrey Baker
Doug Obal

Representing:

Opening Presenter
American Legion Post 154
American Legion Squadron 154
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VFW
Technik Mfg, Non-Profit organizations in Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Brian Rockey

Representing:

Department of Revenue, Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1120 amends the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act. LB 1120 authorizes licensed organizations and qualifying nonprofit organizations to conduct progressive jackpot lotteries and raffles with multiple drawing dates, including games such as Queen of Hearts, subject to registration with the Department of Revenue, public posting of game rules, and applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue. LB 1120 adds new section 4 to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and new section 10 to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, updates statutory citations, and revises the definitions of lottery and raffle to include these new methods of determining winners while creating corresponding exceptions to existing exclusions.



LB 1120 modifies prize distribution and operational requirements for games conducted under section 4 by reducing the minimum prize payout to 50% of gross proceeds and creating exceptions to ticket uniformity requirements. For games conducted under section 10, LB 1120 establishes similar authorization and creates an exception to the requirement that each chance have an equal likelihood of being a winning chance.

Section 1 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-401 to provide that sections 9-401 through 9-437, together with newly added section 4 of this act, are known and may be cited as the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act.

Section 2 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-411 to revise the definition of "lottery" to include a reference to section 4 of this act as an additional method for determining winners.

Section 3 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-415 to revise the definition of "raffle" to provide an exception for activities authorized under section 4 of this act.

Section 4 authorizes licensed organizations to conduct lotteries or raffles that include progressive jackpots and multiple drawing dates, including games such as Queen of Hearts. To conduct such a lottery or raffle, the licensee is required to register the game with the department and prominently post the game rules at the location where the lottery or raffle is conducted or where tickets are sold. Ticket sales through vending or dispensing devices are permitted and the department of Revenue is authorized to adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of lotteries and raffles conducted under this section.

Section 5 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-427 to to revise the distribution requirements for lottery and raffle proceeds by creating an exception tied to subsection (3), under which the existing requirements that at least 65% of gross proceeds be used for prizes and no more than 10% be used for allowable operating expenses do not apply in the specified circumstances. It further provides that lotteries or raffles conducted pursuant to section 4 of this act are subject to a reduced prize payout requirement, requiring that at least 50% of gross proceeds be used for the awarding of prizes.

Section 6 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-431 to provide an exception to the ticket uniformity requirement for lotteries or raffles conducted under section 4 of this act. Under the revised language, the requirement that each ticket or stub have an equal chance of selection and be substantially identical in material, surface, shape, size, form, and weight does not apply to lotteries or raffles conducted pursuant to section 4.

Section 7 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-501 to provide that sections 9-501 through 9-513, together with newly added section 10 of this act, are known and may be cited as the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

Section 8 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-507 to revise the definition of "lottery" by adding a reference to section 10 of the act as an additional method for determining winners and by creating an exception for activities authorized under section 10. Under the amended language, the listed exclusions from the definition of "lottery" do not apply to activities conducted pursuant to section 10.

Section 9 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-509 to revise the definition of "raffle" by adding a reference to section 10 of this act as an additional method for determining winners and by creating an exception for activities authorized under section 10. Under the amended language, the listed exclusions from the definition of "raffle" do not apply to activities conducted pursuant to section 10.

Section 10 authorizes qualifying nonprofit organizations to conduct lotteries or raffles that feature a progressive jackpot and multiple drawing dates, including games such as the Queen of Hearts. To conduct such a lottery or raffle, the organization must register each game with the department and prominently post the game rules at the location



where the lottery or raffle is conducted or where tickets are sold. Ticket sales through vending or dispensing devices are authorized, and the Department of Revenue is granted rulemaking authority to adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of such games.

Section 11 amends Neb. Stat. § 9-511 to add an exception for lotteries or raffles conducted under section 10 of this act to the requirement that each chance have an equal likelihood of being a winning chance.

Section 12 is the repealer section.

Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

