


TENNESSEE BINGO LEGISLATION FOR CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED NONPROFIT VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Tennessee Representative Bruce Griffey, State House District 75, introduced legislation in February 2020 to amend the State Constitution to allow congressionally chartered nonprofit veteran's organizations to conduct Bingo. Unfortunate House Joint Resolution HJR0814 did not make it to a vote in the 111th General Assembly and Rep. Griffey will introduce his new House Joint Resolution bill, HJR0003, to the 112th General Assembly in January 2021. To let our legislators know we support this Bingo legislation, we must "Take Action" and urge our Representatives and Senators to vote YES! This is a joint campaign by multiple Tennessee veteran's organizations that can only be successful if everyone gets involved, veterans, auxiliaries, family members and friends. Please email your Representative and Senator via the following procedures and feel free to follow up with letters, phone calls and personal contact where possible.

1. **Find My Legislator** <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/Apps/fmlv3/districts.aspx>

Enter Your Information and select Search. Your Representative's and Senator's photos and email addresses will appear.



2. **Select email below Representative's photo and create your email per Step 3. Repeat for Senator's email.**

3. **Prepared email subject and body. Add your personal signature block.**

Subject: Copy and paste the following

HJR0003 – RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to allow for bingo events to benefit certain organizations

Email Body: Copy and paste the following. If copying from online PDF file, add returns after pasting into email. PDF version located on VFW Tennessee website at <https://vfwtn.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=88630>

Dear Representative ([Last Name](#)), or Dear Senator ([Last Name](#))

I urge you to pass HJR0003 Constitutional Amendment to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to allow for bingo games conducted by 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) organizations to meet a charitable, not for profit, or community service purpose.

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On behalf of all Tennessee veterans, military, and their families I thank you and ask for your vote approving this legislation.

Email Signature Block: Enter Your Personal Email Signature. Include Street, City and Zip Code for Representative/Senator staff to confirm you are in their Tennessee District.

NOTE: For tracking purpose and to be included in future communications and coordinated follow up efforts, Blind Carbon Copy VFW State Legislative Chairman: **Bcc** michaelrhew@bellsouth.net Life Member VFW Post 684, American Legion Post 1, & DAV Chapter 70.

4. Example Emails

Send	To	Rep.Ion.Gant@capitol.tn.gov
	Cc	
	Bcc	VFW National Legislative Michael Rhew (michaelrhew@bellsouth.net)
Subject		HJR0003 – RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to allow for bingo events to benefit certain organizations

Dear Congressman Gant,

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With appreciation,

Michael D. Rhew
Past State Commander
State Legislative Chairman
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Tennessee
(901) 338-1580
1700 Lakeview Dr, Fayette County
Collierville, TN 38017

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Subject		HJR0003 – RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to allow for bingo events to benefit certain organizations

Dear Senator Walley,

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