

**THE TEXAS LOTTERY IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE IT  
HARDER TO WIN LOTTO TEXAS ...  
SO THEY CAN MAKE MORE MONEY ...  
AND, THEY CLAIM THIS IS WHAT PLAYERS WANT!**

**Proposed changes for Lotto Texas include:**

- 88 Balls Total
- They want players to pick 5 out of 44 balls then pick 1 out of another set of 44 balls to win the jackpot.
- The odds would be 47.7 million-to-one which makes winning the jackpot prize harder to win.

**The TLC thinks this is what players want.**

**Is this what YOU want?**

**The proposed rule also allows the Texas Lottery to ...**

- Round down prizes
- Force players to chose CVO or Annual Pay at the time the lotto ticket is purchased
  - Designate a set percentage of sales to pay guaranteed prizes which means that players are NOT guaranteed to receive 100% of our share of sales
- Take a higher percentage of sales to pay \$3 and \$5 prizes (3 of them) than to pay four (4) mid tier prizes. The TLC thinks players “win” when they receive \$3 for matching 1+1 numbers or \$5 when they match 2+1 or 3+0 numbers. This is why they say there will be a 25% increase in the number of “winners” and the “overall” odds of winning will be better.
- 3+1 or 4+0 would pay approx \$100 - why not just switch to Texas 2 Step or Cash 5 for better odds & larger prizes?
- 4+1 would pay approx \$2000 - Again, why not switch to Cash 5 with much better prizes and odds?
  - 5+0 would pay approx \$10,000 but it’s easier to win \$50,000 playing Cash5!
    - 5+1 would be won approx every every 20 draws!

**To STOP Them - Speak Up NOW - Details inside**

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# THINGS YOU CAN Do To STOP THE TEXAS LOTTERY FROM MAKING LOTTO TEXAS HARDER TO WIN

To fight this rule change, you **MUST**  
speak up and be heard.

- FIRST -  
COMMENT TO THE TLC

The first thing you need to do is comment to the TLC. Even though you think this is useless, the purpose it serves is that your comment will become a matter of record. And that's what we need - is a record.

The one thing you need to understand in making comment is that "comment period" means - they are taking comment on what they have proposed to give you for playing Lotto Texas. They are NOT asking you to comment about Cash5, Pick3, Texas 2 Step or the scratch tickets. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that you address ONLY what the TLC has proposed for Lotto Texas.

The bad news is, the TLC will ONLY accept comment by way of fax or US mail. For those of you with internet access, I have posted a comment form on my web site. I wish you would

use that if at all possible so that I know where we stand at all times.

### Comment Online:

[www.lottoreport.com/commenttotlc.htm](http://www.lottoreport.com/commenttotlc.htm)

If going to my web site is not possible for you, then a comment form is below and a petition is on the back cover. Just complete it and mail or fax to the TLC or to me, the Lotto Report.

Texas Lottery Commission  
Attention: Kim Kiplin  
P. O. Box 16630, Austin, Texas 78701  
Fax: (512) 344-5189

- SECOND -

### Contact Each Commissioner

PLEASE call all 3 Commissioners. They were appointed by the Governor and will accept calls from the public, unlike the TLC.

The reason for calling all 3 commissioners - they are not allowed to speak to one another outside of Commission meetings. They cannot compare notes. In the end, they will each vote to either approve or veto the proposed rule.

Our objective is to convince each one to vote NO. To do this, we must call all three. They are:

**Commissioner Tom Clowe**

Waco, (254) 751-0766

**Commissioner Elizabeth Whitaker**

Dallas, (214) 754-9190

**Commissioner James Cox**

Austin (512) 454-4399

If you get their recorders, then leave a message - give your name, phone number and DO leave a message saying that you are adamantly opposed to the Lotto Texas proposed rule offering players 47 million to one odds and 88 balls. You feel like it is (whatever). Don't bother to write the Commissioners. Just CALL them.

- COMMENT SUGGESTIONS -  
TO SAY TO THE COMMISSIONERS

In your calls to the Commissioners, may I suggest covering the following issues:

1. Opposing the proposed rule because it makes winning the TOP PRIZE too hard to win. You **must** specify TOP PRIZE otherwise they will discount your comment by stating that

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1. The proposed rule: increases the balls to 88 and the odds of winning the top prize from 25.8 million-to-one to 47.7 million-to-one.

Are you for OR opposed to this aspect of the proposed rule?

I am OPPOSED because it makes winning the jackpot prize (1st prize) harder to win. I play to win the 1st prize.

I am FOR the proposed rule because I want to see fewer jackpot winners so the jackpots can climb.

2. Check IF this is what you think and believe:

I believe this style of play is discriminatory towards the consumer. It increases complexity and only serves to increase the unclaimed prize fund.

3. By "law," comments received from "groups & organizations" must be posted in the *Texas Register*. When the Commissioners adopted the rule to add 4 balls, the TLC listed over 3700 names of "groups and organizations." The Texas Lottery was able to do this because the commenters simply wrote a company name on their comment. They wrote: *Exxon, 7-Eleven, Diamond Shanrock, Racetrac, Krogers, Texaco, Shell, Albertsons, Stop N Go* etc.

The 3700 organizations listed were in favor of adding 4 balls. The TLC had thousands of comments of opposition too, but they only listed 300 or so for our lawmakers to see.

Therefore, if you'll just give a company name, then your comment will absolutely be listed for our lawmakers to see. I realize this is a bunch of baloney, but it's the LAW.

So, give a company name to insure that your comment counts. Be sure it's a legitimate company. Or, if you play in a group, you could say, "I represent a group of 25 players" (By law, it must be a group of at least 25)

Group or organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you for OR opposed to choosing CVO or Annual Pay at the time you purchase your lotto ticket and NOT have the option to change your mind?

I oppose this because it's a decision that should be made after players have had an opportunity to see what's best for them as individuals.

FOR, players should already be savvy enough to know which is best for them.

5. Check if you:  I oppose having a set percentage of sales allocated for guaranteed prizes. This could result in short changing the players and/or the state. A risk I oppose.

6. Re: Prize structure as shown on front cover:  I like the prizes offered  
 I oppose the prize structure. The prizes offered are meager sums and an insult to lottery players.

I oppose "rounding down" prize amounts. Each drawing is an independent event and our prizes should include the cents we won for each draw.

7. Your name \_\_\_\_\_

8. Your City \_\_\_\_\_ ◆

they have lowered the odds of winning by offering the \$3 and \$5 prizes for matching 1+1, 2+1 and 3+0 numbers.

2. You are concerned about the sincerity of the TLC's interests in hearing what the people "really" have to say about the proposed rule because:

A) the TLC will not accept phone calls or emails for comment;

B) the TLC web site does not have a highly visible notice posted on their web site nor do they offer a comment form so players can easily comment;

C) you have not seen any notices in the stores informing the people that this rule is up for adoption;

D) the TLC has not utilized their own resources - via their free publication, *Winning*, to inform the players.

3. You oppose the rule because it does NOT guarantee that players will receive 100% of the players share of sales. This is because the rule allocates a percentage of sales to pay the 3 guaranteed prizes instead of taking just the amount needed from the prize pool first, then using the balance to pay the pari-mutuel prizes.

4. Remind the Commissioners that players have NO consumer protection so it is their DUTY and RESPONSIBILITY to protect the people of Texas from such business and advertising tactics. The purpose of this rule change is aimed solely for financial gain for the state at the expense of the people.

The Texas Lottery is currently advertising that the "overall odds of winning are being reduced from 1 in 71 to 1 in 57" and they "projected there will be an estimated 25% more overall winners." Do you consider \$3 and \$5 "winning" when you play this game?

5. If you oppose having to choose between CVO and annual pay at the time you purchase your lotto ticket, cover this with the Commissioners too. After all, if you did win, it would make a life altering change in your life. And this is a major factor - it might be best to take the opposite of whatever you chose originally.

6. The population in Texas is 21 million. The odds of winning would be 47.7 million-to-one. They estimate that someone will win the top prize about every 20 draws after the state has enticed play using \$65 million to \$100 million jackpots as lure bait. In essence, the TLC is selling a product that is guaranteed to give the people of Texas a financial hangover.

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## - THIRD & VIP -

### CONTACT THOSE IN POWER

Call the following people or write one letter but send a copy to ALL . Unlike commenting to the TLC, you can comment by phone, email, fax or US mail. Plead with them to stop the Texas Lottery from giving the people such a game. If they don't stop the TLC, then you'll know who **not** to vote for come election time!

#### **Governor Perry**

State Capitol, Room 2S.1  
Austin, Texas 78701

(512) 463-2000 - (512) 463-1849 Fax  
www.governor.state.tx.us

(Click on "Contact" located at top of page then "E-mail the Governor's Office")

#### **Lt. Governor David Dewhurst**

Box 756, Austin, Texas 78701

(512) 463-0001 - (512) 936-6700 Fax  
Email: david.dewhurst@ltgov.state.tx.us

#### **Rep. Tom Craddick**

(Speaker of the House)

State Capitol 1W.9, Austin, Texas 78701  
(512) 463-5000 - (512) 463-0675 Fax

To Email: (Web address for sending email)

[www.house.state.tx.us/members/email.php?dist=82&rep=tom.craddick](http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/email.php?dist=82&rep=tom.craddick)

#### **Senators & State Representatives**

To obtain information for your **Senator**, on the internet, go to:

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/Members.htm>

To find your **state representative** on the internet::  
<http://www.house.state.tx.us>

In the upper right hand corner, click on "House Membership." Then click on "zip code." As soon as you type in your zip, your representatives name will come up. The email address will not be shown - use the info below to address your email. In your messages and letters, you **SHOULD** give your name, address, city, state, zip.

Email addresses:

firstname.lastname@house.state.tx.us

Example:

john.doe@house.state.tx.us

**For Senators**, it is the same except it's "senate" **not** "house"

(Example:)

firstname.lastname@senate.state.tx.us

From my website, [www.lottoreport.com](http://www.lottoreport.com), click on "VIP Contacts" and you'll find links to all of the above mentioned people.

## - COMMENT SUGGESTIONS - TO TELL THE GOVERNOR AND YOUR LEGISLATORS

In addition to the above mentioned comment suggestions, you **can** cover the following issues with our legislators as they DO care and they WILL listen.

I do NOT recommend addressing these issues with the Commissioners or the TLC because they only want to know what you think about the proposed changes for Lotto Texas. However, feel free tell your legislators how you feel about all of it:

*(These are issues that have been sent to me and I compiled a list from your comments.)*

- ✓ NO to \$20 Scratch Tickets
- ✓ NO to 22 drawings per week
- ✓ NO more deceptive advertising
- ✓ NO to making Lotto Texas harder to win
- ✓ NO more "reserve funds" for the online games
- ✓ NO to joining multi-state/multi-jurisdictional games
- ✓ YES to pari-mutuel payouts across the board
- ✓ RETURN unclaimed prize monies to the players
- ✓ STOP Retailers from checking players lottery tickets
- ✓ GUARANTEE players receive 100% of their share of sales
- ✓ PROVIDE Consumer protection to the lottery players
- ✓ GIVE the Retailers an incentive or raise to increase revenues ... don't rob the people.
- ✓ IF Texas cannot provide fair payouts and games, then **abolish** the Texas Lottery

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## AND FINALLY

Please help me gather signatures and spread the word. A petition to take to work, church, restrants, shopping malls, etc is on the last page. Email your friends and ask them to go to ...

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so they can comment too. Also, if you'll zerox the petition, I'm quite certain your retailer will put it on his counter for his customers to sign. You just be the one to pick them up and get them to me.

I'm doing my part, now it's up to you. ♦

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