



**ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE ISSUES STATEMENT ON LOTTERY
LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange issued the following statement today in advance of the Alabama Legislature’s consideration of various lottery amendments to fund state government.

“I am personally opposed to any lottery to fund state government. I believe the lottery is, at best, a band aid on the state’s budgetary problems and will not provide the kind of long-term solution we need. As Attorney General, I have been approached by the Legislature to offer a legal interpretation of the impact of the various lottery proposals upon the state. My office has reviewed the Governor’s proposed constitutional amendment (SB3). If the amendment passes as proposed and is followed by responsible enabling legislation, my legal team believes it will create a limited lottery without the kinds of loopholes that will lead to casino gambling or protracted litigation. However, if Senator McClendon’s proposed constitutional amendment (SB11) passes, my legal team believes it will not only allow for a lottery but will lead to casino gambling and protracted litigation.”

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