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CHANGES AFOOT FOR MEGA MILLIONS DRAW GAME

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LITTLE ROCK – Although the new enhancements to the national draw game Mega Millions® won't officially occur until the end of October, changes are already afoot with this national draw game played in 44 U.S. states.

On August 18, a stepdown of the availability of future draws in the current version of Mega Millions® began. (Usually, draw game players can play up to 20 draws in advance.) Since that time, the number of future draws available of the present game has decreased with each draw – all leading up to the new game changeover on Saturday, October 28.

Key changes for Mega Millions® players include better odds to win \$1 million, higher average jackpots, and faster-growing jackpots with minimum \$5 million rolls. Starting Mega Millions® jackpots, currently starting at \$15 million, will more than double to \$40 million. With these changes, the cost of a Mega Millions® play will increase to \$2 per play; the Megaplier® cost will remain at an additional \$1 per play. (See chart below) The first drawing for the new modified Mega Millions® will be Tuesday, October 31.

More about Mega Millions®

Mega Millions® was originally called The Big Game when it launched in 1996. The game is offered in 44 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington D.C. Mega Millions® drawings are held Tuesdays and Fridays in Atlanta.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

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