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Fiscal Note On: **HB 147** HLS 25RS 654

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State/State Police		Analyst: Kimberly Fruge
Subject: Local Election for Video Poker Wagering - Claiborne Parish		

GAMBLING/VIDEO POKER OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for a local option gaming election on the operation of video draw poker devices in Claiborne Parish

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of Claiborne Parish to conduct an election to allow video draw poker devices within the parish. The governing authority of the parish shall pay the cost of the election.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in local fund expenditures to hold a local election or add an initiative to a scheduled election to allow video draw poker. According to the Secretary of State's office, local costs could be approximately \$35,000, if held solely as a local election. If the initiative is included on the ballot for an already scheduled statewide election, the costs would decrease significantly, but the actual cost is indeterminable at this time.

If an election is held and devices are approved by the electorate, devices would have to be connected to the State Police system that manages all other video poker devices in the state. State Police costs are not expected to be material.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Video poker gaming was last authorized in Concordia Parish from 1995 through 1999. Proposed law contemplates reauthorizing such gaming in the parish, and assuming an election is held and approved by a majority of voters, devices could be operational sometime during FY 26. The amount of video poker activity that could occur within the parish is speculative.

The state receives franchise fees for video poker devices, derived from a percentage of the net device revenue based on the type of Video Poker License. The Louisiana Gaming Control Board projects a revenue increase ranging from 200,000 to \$500,000 annually based on historical franchise fees collected in Concordia Parish and a comparison of fees collected from similar sized parishes. For informational purposes, the average franchise fee collected between 1995 and 1999 was approximately \$842,947.

Based on the amount of projected activity occurring within the parish, approximately 25% of the franchise fee revenue will be distributed back to the local entities (district attorneys, parish government, sheriff, and municipal governments) and approximately 75% will be disbursed amongst the Video Draw Poker Device Fund, the Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplemental Fund, the Compulsive and Problem Gaming Fund, and the State General Fund.

Senate
Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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