
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for riverboat gaming in Tangipahoa Parish.

Proposed law calls a referendum election in Tangipahoa parish to be held on Nov. 6, 2018, at the congressional primary election or on a succeeding appropriate date selected by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law provides that the proposition on the ballot shall read: "Shall Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership, an existing riverboat gaming license holder, be allowed to relocate and conduct riverboat gaming operations or activities at a facility to be located in Tangipahoa Parish at an approved berth or docking facility along the Tangipahoa River, southwest of the intersection of Interstate 12 and Louisiana Highway 445, pursuant to an existing riverboat gaming license and with prior approval of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, and all in accordance with Louisiana Gaming Control Law?"

Proposed law provides that if the board approves the new berth and a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposition, the licensee may relocate operations to the approved berth in Tangipahoa Parish along the Tangipahoa River, southwest of the intersection of Interstate 12 and La. Highway 445.

Proposed law provides that the licensee shall remain subject to the regulatory authority of the board and present law.

Proposed law provides that the election shall be conducted pursuant to the La. Election Code, including the provisions providing for the responsibility of the parish governing authority to provide notice to the public.

Present law authorizes the conducting of gaming activities on a riverboat while on designated rivers or waterways.

Proposed law adds the portion of the Tangipahoa River south of Interstate 12 to the designated rivers and waterways upon which gaming activities may be conducted and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the addition of a designated river or waterway is contingent upon approval of the voters in a referendum election held in any parish which borders the proposed river's or waterway's banks.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 27:43(B)(1); Adds R.S. 18:1300.24)