
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a statewide referendum election to determine whether sports wagering shall be allowed as a form of gaming in a particular parish in the state, provides for the regulation of such wagering, and provides for contingent effectiveness.

Proposed law calls for a statewide referendum election in to be held on Oct. 12, 2019, to determine if sports wagering shall be permitted in a particular parish.

Proposed law provides that the proposition on the ballot shall read: "Shall sports wagering be a form of gaming allowed in this parish, pursuant to a gaming license and with the prior approval of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, all in accordance with Louisiana Gaming Control Law?"

Proposed law provides that if a majority of those voting vote in favor of the proposition in a particular parish, a riverboat gaming license holder, land based casino license holder, and a pari-mutuel live racing license holder of that parish may engage in sports wagering.

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.

Present law provides for certain forms of authorized gaming activities.

Proposed law adds sports wagering as an authorized form of gaming for riverboat licensees, the land based casino licensee, and pari-mutuel live racing licensees and otherwise retains present law.

Provides that the provisions regarding the referendum election shall become effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Provides that provisions regarding sports wagering becoming an authorized form of gaming shall become effective only upon a favorable vote on the referendum.

(Amends R.S. 27:44(10), 205(12), and 353; Adds R.S. 18:1300.24)