

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 55 (SB 104)

2024 Regular Session

Wheat

Existing law (R.S. 3:3004) authorizes sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, and justices of the peace to impound livestock found roaming at large on any public highway of this state, where it is prohibited.

New law retains existing law and further authorizes animal control authorities of any parish in which the livestock was found roaming at large to take possession and impound the livestock.

Existing law (R.S. 3:3005) authorizes sheriffs to give notice, by advertising in a newspaper of general circulation within the parish, that the livestock found at large on a public highway has been taken possession of by someone.

New law retains existing law but changes how notice is given from advertising in a newspaper of general circulation within the parish to giving notice by the parish government's public notice procedure and further authorizes the option for the animal control authority of the parish in which the livestock was found to give notice.

Existing law (R.S. 3:3006) provides that if after notice has been provided and the owner does not appear, the livestock will be sold and authorizes the sheriff to advertise, in a newspaper within the parish, where the sale will take place, the fact of the sale, and the date.

New law retains existing law but changes how notice is given when the livestock is being sold from advertising in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish where the sale is to take place to giving notice by the parish government's public notice procedure where the sale is to take place and further authorizes the option for the animal control authority of the parish in which the livestock was found at large to provide notice of the sale.

Prior law provided that money from the sale of the found livestock would go towards paying the person taking up the livestock and the person feeding and caring for the livestock, with the remainder being paid to the state treasury.

New law changes where the remainder of the money is to be paid from the state treasury to being retained by the parish government where the animal was located.

Effective May 15, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 3:3004(A), 3005(B), and 3006)