2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 310

## BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

## GAMBLING: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to referendum elections on a proposition to allow new forms of gaming, gambling, or wagering

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION		
2	Proposing to amend Article XII, Section $6(C)(1)(a)$ of the Constitution of Louisiana, to		
3	provide relative to referendum elections on a proposition to allow new forms of		
4	gaming, gambling, or wagering in this state; to provide relative to the requirement		
5	that a referendum election be held in a parish to permit new forms of gaming,		
6	gambling, or wagering in the parish; to provide for the option of a statewide		
7	referendum election on a proposition to allow new forms of gaming, gambling, or		
8	wagering that is to be conducted statewide; to provide for submission of the		
9	proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.		
10	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members		
11	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of		
12	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to		
13	amend Article XII, Section $6(C)(1)(a)$ of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:		
14	§6. Lotteries; Gaming, Gambling, or Wagering		
15	Section 6.		
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17	(C) Gaming, Gambling, or Wagering Referendum Elections. (1)(a) No law		
18	authorizing a new form of gaming, gambling, or wagering not specifically authorized		
19	by law prior to the effective date of this Paragraph shall be effective nor shall such		
20	gaming, gambling, or wagering be licensed or permitted to be conducted in a parish		

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1	unless a referendum election on a proposition to allow such gaming, gambling, or		
2	wagering is held pursuant to the following provisions:		
3	(i) No new form of gaming, gambling, or wagering shall be licensed or		
4	permitted to be conducted in a parish unless a referendum election on a proposition		
5	to allow such gaming, gambling, or wagering is held in the parish and the proposition		
6	is approved by a majority of those voting thereon.		
7	(ii) No new form of gaming, gambling, or wagering shall be licensed or		
8	permitted to be conducted statewide unless a referendum election on a proposition		
9	to allow such gaming, gambling, or wagering is held statewide and the proposition		
10	is approved by a majority of those voting thereon.		
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12	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted		
13	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6		
14	2018.		
15	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,		
16	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted		
17	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as		
18	follows:		
19	Do you support an amendment to provide that a referendum election on a		
20	proposition to allow new forms of gaming, gambling, or wagering is to be		
21	held statewide if the new form of gaming, gambling, or wagering is to be		
22	conducted statewide, or held in a parish if the new form of gaming,		
23	gambling, or wagering is to be conducted in the parish? (Amends Article		
24	XII, Section $6(C)(1)(a)$ )		

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the referendum election on a proposition to allow a new form of gaming, gambling, or wagering shall be held statewide for forms of gaming that are conducted statewide.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that no law authorizing a new form of gaming, gambling, or wagering shall be effective nor shall such gaming, gambling, or wagering be licensed or permitted to be conducted in a parish unless a referendum election on a proposition to allow such gaming, gambling, or wagering is held in the parish and the proposition is approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains the <u>present constitution</u> and provides that for a new form of gaming, gambling or wagering that is to be conducted statewide, the referendum election on a proposition to allow such form of gaming, gambling, or wagering shall be held at a statewide election.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art. XII,  $\S6(C)(1)(a)$ )