

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 332

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

GAMING. Provides relative to sports wagering. (See Act)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4721, R.S. 14:90(C), 90.3(F), and 90.5(C) and R.S. 27:15(B)(1), (D), and (E), 44(10), 205(12), and 371(C) and to enact R.S. 18:1300.24 and R.S. 27:15(B)(8)(c) and Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 27:551 through 555, relative to sports wagering; to provide for a proposition election; to provide for regulatory authority of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide for definitions; to provide for the conducting of sports wagering and requirements and limitations; to authorize certain mobile wagering; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1300.24 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§1300.24. Election on sports wagering**

**A.(1) At the statewide election occurring on November 3, 2020, a proposition shall appear on the ballot in every parish which has a licensed gaming establishment pursuant to Chapters 4 and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or has an operating gaming establishment pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to determine**

1 **whether sports wagering shall be permitted in the parish.**

2 **(2) The ballot for the election shall state as follows:**

3 **"PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE SPORTS WAGERING.**

4 **Shall sports wagering be permitted in the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

5 **YES ( ) NO ( )"**

6 **B. The voters shall vote for or against the proposition. A vote for the**  
7 **proposition being a "YES" vote, and a vote against the proposition being a**  
8 **"NO" vote.**

9 **C.(1) If a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the**  
10 **proposition vote for the proposition, then sports wagering in accordance with**  
11 **the provision of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, shall be**  
12 **permitted in such parish.**

13 **(2) If a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the**  
14 **proposition vote against the proposition, then sports wagering shall not be**  
15 **permitted in the parish.**

16 **D. The secretary of state shall prepare the ballot for the election as set**  
17 **forth in the provisions of this Section.**

18 **E. Except as otherwise provided by this Section, the election shall be**  
19 **conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code.**

20 Section 2. R.S. 27:15(B)(1), (D), and (E), 44(10), 205(12), and 371(C) are hereby  
21 amended and reenacted and R.S. 27:15(B)(8)(c) and Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana  
22 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 27:551 through 555, are hereby enacted to read  
23 as follows:

24 §15. Board's authority; responsibilities

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26 B. The board shall:

27 (1) Have all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including  
28 investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to  
29 such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of gaming

1 activities and operations as authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana  
 2 Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act, the Louisiana  
 3 Economic Development and Gaming Corporation Act, the Video Draw Poker  
 4 Devices Control Law, ~~and~~ the Louisiana Fantasy Sports Contests Act, **and the**  
 5 **Louisiana Sports Wagering Act**, except as otherwise specified in this Title. Further,  
 6 the board shall have all regulatory, enforcement, and supervisory authority which  
 7 exists in the state as to gaming on Indian lands as provided in the provisions of Act  
 8 No. 888 of the 1990 Regular Session of the Legislature and Act No. 817 of the 1993  
 9 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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13 **(c) Adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and as**  
 14 **specifically provided for in R.S. 27:553, all rules necessary to implement,**  
 15 **administer, and regulate sports wagering as authorized by Chapter 10 of this**  
 16 **Title.**

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18 D. In addition to or in lieu of the revocation or suspension of a license or  
 19 permit issued pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Riverboat Economic  
 20 Development and Gaming Control Act, the Louisiana Economic Development and  
 21 Gaming Corporation Act, the Pari-mutuel Live Racing Facility Economic  
 22 Redevelopment and Gaming Control Act, and this Chapter, the board may impose  
 23 upon the casino gaming operator or the holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:44  
 24 or 353, or a permittee a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars for  
 25 each violation of any provision of the Louisiana Riverboat Economic Development  
 26 and Gaming Control Act, the Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming  
 27 Corporation Act, **the Louisiana Sports Wagering Act**, the Louisiana Pari-mutuel  
 28 Live Racing Facility Economic Redevelopment and Gaming Control Act, this  
 29 Chapter, or any rule or regulation of the board. Payment of the civil penalty shall be

1 a requirement for the retention of any permit, certificate, or license held by the entity  
2 which violated any such provisions. If the licensee contests the imposition of the  
3 civil penalty, the penalty shall be imposed only after an adjudicatory hearing is  
4 conducted pursuant to R.S. 27:25 and a basis for imposition of the penalty is  
5 determined to exist.

6 E. The board by rule may adopt a schedule of penalties for violations of the  
7 Louisiana Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act, the Louisiana  
8 Economic Development and Gaming Corporation Act, **the Louisiana Sports**  
9 **Wagering Act**, the Pari-mutuel Live Racing Facility Economic Redevelopment and  
10 Gaming Control Act, this Chapter, or any rule or regulation of the board. Any such  
11 rules shall be adopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and as otherwise  
12 provided in this Chapter.

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14 §44. Definitions

15 When used in this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

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17 (10) "Game" means any banking or percentage game which is played with  
18 cards, dice, or any electronic, electrical, or mechanical device or machine for money,  
19 property, or any thing of value. **"Game" shall include sports wagering as**  
20 **provided in Chapter 10 of this Title.** "Game" does not include a lottery, bingo,  
21 pull tabs, raffles, electronic video bingo, cable television bingo, **or wagering on** dog  
22 ~~race wagering, or any wagering on any type of sports event, including but not limited~~  
23 ~~to football, basketball, baseball, hockey, boxing, tennis, wrestling, jai alai, or other~~  
24 ~~sports contest or event~~ **races.** ~~Game~~ **"Game"** shall also include racehorse wagering.

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26 §205. Definitions

27 When used in this Chapter, the following terms have these meanings:

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29 (12) "Game" means any banking or percentage game located exclusively

1 within an official gaming establishment which is played with cards, dice, or any  
 2 electronic, electrical, or mechanical device or machine for money, property, or any  
 3 thing of value. ~~Game~~ **"Game"** does not include lottery, bingo, charitable games,  
 4 raffles, electronic video bingo, pull tabs, cable television bingo, wagering on dog or  
 5 horse races, sports betting, or wagering on any type of sports event, inclusive but not  
 6 limited to football, basketball, baseball, hockey, boxing, tennis, wrestling, jai alai,  
 7 or other sports contest or event. **"Game" shall include sports wagering as**  
 8 **provided in Chapter 10 of this Title.**

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10 §371. Prohibition on operation of video draw poker devices; prohibition on any  
 11 other type of game

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13 C. ~~Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to permit~~ **Except sports**  
 14 **wagering as provided in Chapter 10 of this Title,** the operation or play of any type  
 15 of game the play of which requires the participation of an employee of the licensee  
 16 **is prohibited.**

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**CHAPTER 10. SPORTS WAGERING**

**§551. Title**

**This Chapter shall be referred to as "The Louisiana Sports Wagering Act".**

**§552. Definitions**

**For purposes of this Chapter:**

**(1) "Board" shall have the same meaning as that term has in R.S. 27:3.**

**(2) "Casino" means the holder of a license as that term defined in R.S. 27:44 or 353 or the casino gaming operator as provided in Chapter 5 of this Title. "Casino" shall include the entirety of the building and improvements located upon a riverboat vessel or at a riverboat facility, at an eligible facility, or at the official gaming establishment in the parish of Orleans.**

1                   (3) "Commission" means the Louisiana State Racing Commission as  
2 provided in R.S. 4:144.

3                   (4) "Eligible facility" shall have the same meaning as that term has in  
4 R.S. 27:353(4).

5                   (5) "Net sports wagering proceeds" means the gross revenue attributable  
6 to sports wagering operations less the total amount or value paid out to winning  
7 patrons.

8                   (6) "Operator" means a casino that has elected to operate a sports pool  
9 and any suitable entity with whom a casino contracts to operate a sports pool.

10                  (7) "Person" shall have the same meaning as that term has in R.S. 27:3.

11                  (8)(a) "Sports event" or "sporting event" means any professional sport  
12 or athletic event, any Olympic or international sports competition event, any  
13 collegiate sports or athletic event, or any portion thereof, including but not  
14 limited to the individual performance statistics of athletes in a sports event or  
15 combination of sports events. "Sports event" or "sporting event" shall not  
16 include a prohibited event or fantasy sports activity.

17                  (b) "Professional sport or athletic event" as used in Subparagraph (a) of  
18 this Paragraph means an event at which two or more persons participate in a  
19 sport or athletic event and receive compensation in excess of actual expenses for  
20 their participation in such event.

21                  (c) A prohibited event shall include all high school sports or youth  
22 athletic events, electronic sports, and competitive video games.

23                  (9) "Sports pool" means the business of accepting wagers on any sports  
24 event by any system or method of wagering.

25                  (10) "Sports wagering lounge" means the area of a casino approved by  
26 the board for sports pool activities.

27                  (11) "Suitable" shall have the same meaning as that term has in R.S.  
28 27:3.

29 §553. Gaming Control Board; powers and duties

1           A. The board shall perform the duties and functions as authorized by  
2           this Chapter and the regulatory authority with respect to the regulation of  
3           sports wagering as provided by the Louisiana Gaming Control Law.

4           B. The board shall adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act,  
5           all rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate sports wagering as  
6           authorized by this Chapter.

7           C. The board shall follow its regulatory processes for dispute resolutions  
8           for disputes arising from sports wagering.

9           §554. Conducting sports wagering; requirements; limitations

10           A.(1) In a parish in which sports wagering was approved by the voters  
11           at the proposition election provided for in R.S. 18:1300.24, a casino may operate  
12           a sports pool subject to this Chapter and rules promulgated by the board.

13           (2) In a parish in which sports wagering was not approved by the voters  
14           at the proposition election provided for in R.S. 18:1300.24, a casino may not  
15           operate a sports pool.

16           B. The board shall promulgate rules regarding limitations on certain  
17           wagers being accepted by the operator. At a minimum, the rules shall include  
18           the following limitations:

19           (1) An operator shall not knowingly accept wagers from any person  
20           under twenty-one years of age.

21           (2) An operator shall not knowingly accept wagers from any person  
22           prohibited from wagering on sports events and comply with all identity  
23           verification and compulsive gaming verifications and protections set forth in  
24           law or rule.

25           (3) An operator shall not knowingly accept wagers from any person who  
26           is an athlete, coach, referee, or other official prohibited from placing any wager  
27           on a sports event.

28           C. The board shall promulgate rules regarding limitations on certain  
29           persons who may place wagers. At a minimum, the rules shall include the

1 following limitations:

2 (1) A wager shall not be placed by a person who is under the age of  
3 twenty-one years.

4 (2) A wager shall not be placed by a person who is an athlete, coach,  
5 referee, or director of a sports governing body or any of its member teams, a  
6 player or a referee personnel member, on any sports event overseen by that  
7 person's sports governing body based on publicly available information.

8 (3) A wager shall not be placed by a person who holds a position of  
9 authority or influence sufficient to exert influence over the participants in the  
10 sporting event, including but not limited to coaches, managers, handlers,  
11 athletic trainers, or horse trainers.

12 (4) A wager shall not be placed by a person who has access to certain  
13 types of exclusive information on any sports events overseen by that person's  
14 sports governing body based on publicly available information.

15 D. The board shall promulgate rules providing a time period following  
16 a sporting event for claiming a winning wager by a person and for paying a  
17 winning wager by a casino.

18 E. Subject to the rules of the board, an operator shall immediately report  
19 to the board:

20 (1) Any criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the  
21 operator or its employees in connection with the operations of a sports pool.

22 (2) Any abnormal betting activity or patterns that may indicate a  
23 concern about the integrity of a sports event or events.

24 (3) Any other conduct with the potential to corrupt a betting outcome of  
25 a sports event for purposes of financial gain, including but not limited to match  
26 fixing.

27 (4) Suspicious or illegal wagering activities, including the use of funds  
28 derived from illegal activity, wagers to conceal or launder funds derived from  
29 illegal activity, use of agents to place wagers, or use of false identification.



1           F.(1) An operator may accept wagers on sports events through  
2           self-service wagering machines or self-service kiosks.

3           (2) An operator may accept wagers made electronically using a mobile  
4           or other digital platform. Electronic wagering shall be subject to the following  
5           requirements:

6           (a) Prior to the acceptance of any electronic wager, a person shall  
7           establish a wagering account through the operator and an initial verification of  
8           the account must be completed by the operator.

9           (b) Electronic sports wagers shall only be placed within the boundaries  
10          of a casino and its amenities. A parking garage or parking area is not  
11          considered part of the casino or its amenities for purposes of this Chapter. For  
12          electronic sports wagers to be allowed within the boundary of an amenity, the  
13          amenity shall be:

14           (i) Approved by the board pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

15           (ii) Owned or leased and controlled by the licensee or the casino gaming  
16          operator.

17           (iii) Within the vicinity of the casino.

18          (c) An operator shall maintain geofencing or geolocation services and  
19          bear all costs and responsibilities as required by the board.

20          §555. Acceptance of certain out-of-state wagers

21           Wagers may be accepted or pooled with wagers from persons who are  
22          not physically present in this state if the board determines that such wagering  
23          is not inconsistent with federal law or the law of this state, including any foreign  
24          nation, in which any such person is located, or the wagering is conducted  
25          pursuant to a reciprocal agreement to which the state is a party that is not  
26          inconsistent with federal law.

27          Section 3. R.S. 13:4721 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

28          §4721. Gambling houses; definition; declared public nuisances

29           A. For the purposes of this ~~Sub-part~~, **Subpart**, or for the purposes of any

1 action or prosecution ~~hereunder~~ **in this Section**, a gambling house is **either**:

2 (1) ~~any~~ **Any** place ~~whatever~~ **whatsoever** where any game of chance of any  
3 kind or character is played for money, for wagers, or for tokens, and where the  
4 conduct of such place operates, directly or indirectly, to the profit of one or more  
5 individuals and not exclusively to the direct profit of the actual participants in such  
6 game; ~~and~~.

7 (2) ~~any~~ **Any** place whatsoever where races, athletic contests, ~~and~~ sports, ~~and~~  
8 games are not actually held and where opportunity is afforded for wagering upon  
9 races, athletic contests, sports, and games of chance.

10 **B.** All gambling houses as ~~herein~~ defined **in this Section** are declared to be  
11 public nuisances, and the ~~owner~~ **owners** thereof, and the ~~agent~~ **agents** for such  
12 ~~owner~~; **owners**, or the ~~lessee, sublessee~~ **lessees, sublesses**, or other occupants thereof  
13 are declared to be guilty of maintaining a public nuisance.

14 **C. The provisions of this Subpart shall not apply to any place where**  
15 **sports wagering activities are being conducted in accordance with Chapter 10**  
16 **of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**

17 Section 4. R.S. 14:90(C), 90.3(F), and 90.5(C) are hereby amended and reenacted  
18 to read as follows:

19 §90. Gambling

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21 C. The conducting or assisting in the conducting of gaming activities or  
22 operations, **including sports wagering**, upon a riverboat, at the official gaming  
23 establishment, by operating an electronic video draw poker device, by a charitable  
24 gaming licensee, or at a pari-mutuel wagering facility, conducting slot machine  
25 gaming at an eligible horse racing facility, or the operation of a state lottery which  
26 is licensed for operation and regulated under the provisions of Chapters 4 and 11 of  
27 Title 4, Chapters 4, 5, 7, ~~and~~ **8, and 10** of Title 27, or Subtitle XI of Title 47 of the  
28 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, is not gambling for the purposes of this Section,  
29 so long as the wagering is conducted on the premises of the licensed establishment.

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§90.3. Gambling by computer

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F. The conducting or assisting in the conducting of gaming activities or operations, **including sports wagering**, upon a riverboat, at the official gaming establishment, by operating an electronic video draw poker device, by a charitable gaming licensee, or at a pari-mutuel wagering facility, conducting slot machine gaming at an eligible horse racing facility, or the operation of a state lottery which is licensed for operation and regulated under the provisions of Chapters 4 and 11 of Title 4, Chapters 4, 5, 6, **and 7, and 10** of Title 27, or Subtitle XI of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, shall not be considered gambling by computer for the purposes of this Section, so long as the wagering is done on the premises of the licensed establishment.

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§90.5. Unlawful playing of gaming devices by persons under the age of twenty-one; underage persons, penalty

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C. For purposes of this Section, "casino games, gaming devices, or slot machines" means a game or device, as defined in R.S. 27:44(10) or (12), 205(12) or (13), or 353(14) operated on a riverboat, at the official gaming establishment, or at a pari-mutuel wagering facility which offers live horse racing which is licensed for operation and regulated under the provisions of Chapters 4, 5, **and 7, and 10** of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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Section 5. R.S. 18:1300.24 shall be considered a special law for purposes of Louisiana Constitution Article XII, Section 6(C)(4).

Section 6. This Section and Sections 1, 5 and 7 of this Act shall become effective on June 10, 2020.

Section 7. Sections 2, 3, and 4 of his Act shall become effective on December 1,

1 2020, providing that in the election to be held on November 3, 2020, a majority of the  
 2 qualified electors in at least one parish vote to approve the proposition to permit sports  
 3 wagering in their parish.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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## DIGEST

SB 332 Original

2020 Regular Session

Peacock

Present constitution provides for gambling to be defined by and suppressed by the legislature.

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

Present constitution provides that notwithstanding the present constitutional provisions regarding prohibited local and special laws, or any other provision of the constitution, the legislature by local or special law may provide for elections on propositions relating to allowing or prohibiting one or more forms of gaming authorized by law.

Proposed law provides for a proposition election to determine whether sports wagering activities and operations will be permitted in a particular parish. Limits the election to the parishes that currently have licensed riverboats and live horse race meetings and the land-based casino. Those parishes include: Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, St. Landry, and St. Mary. Provides that the proposition will be on the ballot at the statewide election occurring on November 3, 2020.

Proposed law provides that if a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the proposition vote "for" the proposition, then sports wagering (in accordance with proposed law) will be permitted in such parish.

Proposed law provides that if a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the proposition vote "against" the proposition, then sports wagering will not be permitted in the parish.

Proposed law enacts the Louisiana Sports Wagering Act.

Present law vests all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of gaming activities and operations of riverboats, the land-based casino, video poker, and fantasy sports contests with the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (board). Authorizes the board to revoke or suspend a license or permit and to impose a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 for violations of present law relative to riverboats, the land-based casino, slot gaming at tracks, video poker, and fantasy sports contests. Provides for the board to adopt a schedule of penalties for violations of present law or any rule.

Proposed law retains present law and adds authority, control, and jurisdiction for the board over sports wagering and adds the sports wagering law to provisions for which revocation or suspension of a license or permit and civil penalties apply.

Proposed law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Board" means the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

- (2) "Casino" means licensed riverboat or race track or the land based casino. "Casino" also includes the entirety of the building and improvements located upon a riverboat vessel or at a riverboat facility, at a race track, or at the land based casino.
- (3) "Commission" means the Louisiana State Racing Commission.
- (4) "Eligible facility" means a facility licensed by the Louisiana State Racing Commission to conduct live horse racing meetings.
- (5) "Net sports wagering proceeds" means the gross revenue attributable to sports wagering operations less the total amount or value paid out to winning patrons.
- (6) "Operator" means a casino that has elected to operate a sports pool and any suitable entity with whom a casino contracts to operate a sports pool.
- (7) "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, joint stock association, or trust, corporation, or other business entity whether incorporated or not.
- (8) "Sports event" or "sporting event" means any professional sport or athletic event, any Olympic or international sports competition event, any collegiate sports or athletic event. "Sports event" or "sporting event" does not include a prohibited event or fantasy sports activity. A prohibited event is all high school sports or youth athletic events, electronic sports, and competitive video games.
- (9) "Sports pool" means the business of accepting wagers on any sports event by any system or method of wagering.
- (10) "Sports wagering lounge" means the area of a casino approved by the board for sports pool activities.
- (11) "Suitable" is a set of standards provided in present law regarding character, background, reputation, etc. that persons applying for a license or permit or a contract with the board must meet.

Proposed law authorizes the board to promulgate all rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate sports wagering. Provides that the board follow its regulatory processes for dispute resolutions for disputes arising from sports wagering.

Proposed law provides that in a parish where voters approved sports wagering, a casino may operate a sports pool.

Proposed law requires the board to promulgate rules regarding limitations on certain wagers being accepted by the operator. Limitations include:

- (1) An operator shall not knowingly accept wagers from any person under 21 years of age.
- (2) An operator shall not knowingly accept wagers from any person prohibited from wagering on sports events and comply with all identity verification and compulsive gaming verifications and protections set forth in law or rule.
- (3) An operator shall not knowingly accept wagers from any person who is an athlete, coach, referee, or other official prohibited from placing any wager on a sports event.

Proposed law requires the board to promulgate rules regarding limitations on persons who may place wagers. Limitations include:

- (1) A wager shall not be placed by a person who is under the age of 21 years.

- (2) A wager shall not be placed by a person who is an athlete, coach, referee, or director of a sports governing body or any of its member teams, a player or a referee personnel member, on any sports event overseen by that person's sports governing body based on publicly available information.
- (3) A wager shall not be placed by a person who holds a position of authority or influence sufficient to exert influence over the participants in the sporting contest, including but not limited to coaches, managers, handlers, athletic trainers, or horse trainers.
- (4) A wager shall not be placed by a person who has access to certain types of exclusive information on any sports events overseen by that person's sports governing body based on publicly available information.

Proposed law requires the board to promulgate rules providing a time period following a sporting event for claiming a winning wager by persons and for paying winning wagers by casinos.

Proposed law requires an operator to immediately report to the board:

- (1) Any criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the operator or its employees in connection with the operations of a sports pool.
- (2) Any abnormal betting activity or patterns that may indicate a concern about the integrity of a sports event or events.
- (3) Any other conduct with the potential to corrupt a betting outcome of a sports event for purposes of financial gain, including but not limited to match fixing.
- (4) Suspicious or illegal wagering activities, including the use of funds derived from illegal activity, wagers to conceal or launder funds derived from illegal activity, use of agents to place wagers, or use of false identification.

Proposed law authorizes an operator to accept wagers on sports events through self-service wagering machines or self-service kiosks.

Proposed law also authorizes an operator to accept wagers made electronically using a mobile or other digital platform. Requires that:

- (1) Prior to the acceptance of any electronic wager, a person shall establish a wagering account through the operator and an initial verification of the account be completed by the operator.
- (2) Electronic sports wagers only be placed within the boundaries of a casino and its amenities. Provides that a parking garage or parking area is not considered part of the casino or its amenities for purposes of proposed law. Provides that for electronic sports wagers to be allowed within the boundary of an amenity, the amenity shall be: approved by the board; owned or leased and controlled by the licensee or casino gaming operator; and within the vicinity of the casino.
- (3) An operator maintain geofencing or geolocation services and bears all costs and responsibilities as required by the board.

Proposed law provides that wagers may be accepted or pooled with wagers from persons who are not physically present in this state if the board determines that such wagering is not inconsistent with federal law or the law of this state, including any foreign nation, in which any such person is located, or the wagering is conducted pursuant to a reciprocal agreement to which the state is a party that is not inconsistent with federal law.

Present law prohibits gambling houses, gambling, gambling by computer.

Proposed law retains present law but makes an exception for gaming conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Sports Wagering Act.

Present law provides that it is unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to play casino games, gaming devices, or slot machines.

Proposed law retains present law and includes sports wagering to casino games persons under 21 years of age are prohibited from playing.

Provides that provisions of the Act regarding the proposition election shall be effective on June 10, 2020.

Provides that provisions of the Act regarding the authorization and regulation of sports wagering shall become effective on December 1, 2020, provided that a majority of the qualified electors in at least one parish vote to approve the proposition to permit sports wagering in their parish.

(Amends R.S. 13:4721, R.S. 14:90(C), 90.3(F), and 90.5(C), and R.S. 27:15(B)(1), (D), and (E), 44(10), 205(12), and 371(C); adds R.S. 18:1300.24 and R.S. 27:15(B)(8)(c) and 551-555)