

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 201

BY SENATOR JOHNS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GAMING. Provides relative to the regulation of sports wagering. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:15.1, relative to sports wagering; to provide relative to the authority of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide relative to the regulation of sports wagering; to provide relative to terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 27:15.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§15.1. Sports wagering

A. ~~In the event of the legalization of sports wagering in any parish as a result of the proposition election held on November 3, 2020, the~~ **The** Louisiana Gaming Control Board shall have all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of sports wagering activities and operations, except as otherwise specified in this Title.

B. ~~For purposes of this Section, "sports wagering" shall be defined as the business of accepting wagers on any sports event or sports contest by any system or method of wagering.~~ **Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this**

1 **Section to the contrary, sports wagering shall not be authorized by the**
 2 **Louisiana Gaming Control Board in any parish until state laws providing for**
 3 **the licensing, regulation, and taxation of sports wagering activities and**
 4 **operations are enacted and become effective.**

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 9 effective on the day following such approval.

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

DIGEST

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Present law provides that in the event of the legalization of sports wagering in any parish as a result of the proposition election held on November 3, 2020, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board shall have all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of sports wagering activities and operations, except as otherwise specified in the Louisiana Gaming Control Law.

Present uncodified law also provides sports wagering shall not be authorized by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in any such parish until state laws providing for the licensing, regulation, and taxation of sports wagering activities and operations are enacted and become effective.

At the November 2, 2020, election, 55 parishes approved a proposition authorizing sports wagering activities and operations within their parish.

Proposed law retains present law and codifies the condition for board authorization.

Present law defines "sports wagering", for purposes of present law, as the business of accepting wagers on any sports event or sports contest by any system or method of wagering.

Proposed law deletes present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 27:15.1)