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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Cox to Engrossed House Bill No. 702 by Representative DuBuisson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 4, between lines 26 and 27 insert the following:

3 "Section 3. R.S. 18:1300.25 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

4 §1300.25. Video draw poker devices; local option election; Natchitoches Parish

5 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing
6 authority of Natchitoches Parish is hereby authorized to call and conduct an election
7 on a proposition to allow the operation of video draw poker devices within that
8 parish.

9 B.(1) The governing authority of Natchitoches Parish may call, by ordinance
10 or resolution, an election on the proposition of whether the operation of video draw
11 poker devices, as authorized by Chapter 8 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised
12 Statutes of 1950, shall be permitted within that parish.

13 (2) The ordinance or resolution shall specify the date of the election and the
14 wording of the proposition to appear on the ballot.

15 C.(1) An election called as provided by this Section may be held on any date
16 as provided by R.S. 18:402(F), provided it falls more than forty-five days but not
17 more than six months after the meeting at which the resolution or ordinance calling
18 the election is adopted.

19 (2) Except as provided in this Section, the election shall be held in
20 accordance with the provisions of the Election Code governing proposition elections.
21 Any elector who was qualified to vote in the election may demand a recount of the
22 ballots or contest the election in the manner and within the time provided by law for
23 recount or contest of elections under the Election Code.

24 D.(1) If a majority of the electors voting in the election authorized pursuant
25 to the provisions of this Section vote to permit the operation of video draw poker
26 devices, then video draw poker devices may be operated in Natchitoches Parish as
27 provided by law.

28 (2) If a majority of the electors voting in an election authorized pursuant to
29 the provisions of this Section vote not to permit the operation of video draw poker
30 devices in Natchitoches Parish, then no license shall be issued to conduct the
31 operation of video draw poker devices in Natchitoches Parish, and the operation of
32 video draw poker shall be prohibited in that parish.

33 E. The governing authority of Natchitoches Parish shall promptly notify the
34 Louisiana Gaming Control Board of the results of the election.

35 F. The cost of the election provided for by this Section shall be borne by the
36 governing authority of Natchitoches Parish.

37 G. The election authorized pursuant to this Section shall take place only
38 once."