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SB 104 Engrossed                                      DIGEST                                      2024 Regular Session                                      Wheat

Present 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.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the animal control authority of the parish in which the livestock was found roaming at large to take possession and impound the livestock.

Present 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.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the option for the animal control authority of the parish in which the livestock was found to give notice by the parish government's public notice procedure.

Present 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.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the option for the animal control authority of the parish in which the livestock was found at large to advertise where the sale will take place by the parish government's public notice procedure.

Present law provides that money from the sale of the found livestock will 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.

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

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,

Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Clarifies how notice is to be given.
2. Makes technical amendments.