

New law provides that in a Lawrason Act municipality having a population of not less than 13,500 and not more than 16,500 according to the latest federal decennial census, the governing authority may submit to the voters in any election properly held a proposition that would determine whether or not the business of selling alcoholic beverages in a restaurant may be conducted and licensed only within the incorporated limits of the municipality.

Provides for definitions including requirements to qualify as a "restaurant" for purposes of being licensed.

Provides for the language of the proposition to be voted on and provides that a majority vote cast on the proposition by the residents of the municipality shall determine the issue.

Provides that application procedures, qualifications, and all licensing and permit requirements for a restaurant "R" permit shall apply.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 10, 2013).

(Adds R.S. 26:599)