
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Louisiana Sports Wagering Control Act, requires a proposition election to determine whether sports wagering shall be permitted in each parish, and provides for the regulation of sports wagering.

Proposed law creates the "Louisiana Sports Wagering Control Act" and provides for a proposition election to be held on Nov. 3, 2020, to determine whether sports wagering shall be permitted in a particular parish. For purposes of proposed law, "sports wagering" means the business of accepting wagers on a sports event approved by the La. Gaming Control Board, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The outcome of the sports event can be verified.
- (2) The outcome of the sports event can be generated by a reliable and independent process.
- (3) The outcome of the sports event is not affected by any wager placed.
- (4) The sports event is conducted in conformity with applicable laws.
- (5) The wager shall only be accepted from persons 21 years of age or older.

Proposed law further provides that the term "sports wagering" may also include proposition wagers on novelty occurrences or nonoccurrences, or individual players over a broad spectrum of possibilities within a sports event that are not dependent on the final outcome of the sports event as approved by the board.

If a majority of the qualified electors in at least one parish in the state vote to approve the proposition to permit sports wagering in such parish, proposed law requires the La. Gaming Control Board to adopt all rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate sports wagering as provided by proposed law.

Upon adoption of rules by the La. Gaming Control Board and the enactment of laws to provide for the licensing, regulation, and taxation of revenue relative to sports wagering, proposed law does all of the following:

- (1) Authorizes sports wagering in only those parishes in which a majority of qualified electors in the parish voting on the proposition voted for the proposition to permit sports wagering

in the parish.

- (2) Provides an exception to the present law crimes of gambling (R.S. 14:90) and gambling by computer (R.S. 14:90.3) for sports wagering.

(Amends R.S. 27:15(B)(1); Adds R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K) and R.S. 27:601-605)