
DIGEST

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HB 357 Engrossed

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Abstract: 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 provides for a proposition election to determine whether sports wagering activities and operations will be permitted in a particular parish. Provides that the proposition shall appear on the ballot in every parish at the statewide election occurring on Nov. 3, 2020.

Proposed law provides that if a majority of the qualified electors in the parish in the state vote to approve the proposition to permit sports wagering in such parish, then sports wagering activities and operations will be permitted in such parish only after the enactment of state laws providing for the licensing, regulation, and taxation of such activities and operations.

Proposed law further provides that if a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the proposition vote against the proposition, then sports wagering activities and operations will not be permitted in the parish.

Proposed law provides that in the event of the legalization of sports wagering, the La. 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. Defines "sports wagering" as the business of accepting wagers on any sports event or sports contest by any system or method of wagering.

Proposed law 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. Proposed law shall become effective upon the enactment of laws relative to the licensing, regulation, and taxation of revenue relative to sports wagering.

(Adds R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K), R.S. 18:1300.24, and R.S. 27:15.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law provisions enacting the "Louisiana Sports Wagering Control Act"

which define terms relative to sports wagering.

2. Move proposed law provisions relative to the proposition election on sports wagering to Title 18 rather than Title 27 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950.
3. Relative to the regulatory authority of the La. Gaming Control Board, require the board to have all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of sports wagering activities and operations.
4. Provide for a definition of "sports wagering".
5. Modify the effective date to certain provisions of proposed law.