

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL NO. 188

BY SENATORS ALARIO, APPEL AND MORRELL AND REPRESENTATIVES GIROD  
JACKSON, LABRUZZO AND TEMPLET

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GAMING. Expands the use of revenues produced from the gaming fee collected by Jefferson Parish from riverboat gaming. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:93(A)(4)(a), relative to the Louisiana Riverboat Economic  
3 Development and Gaming Control Act; to provide for the expenditure of riverboat  
4 gaming revenue in the parish of Jefferson; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:93(A)(4)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §93. Authorization of local governing authorities; fees; regulation; local option

9 A. \* \* \*

10 (4) The admission fee which the local governing authority of the parish or  
11 municipality may levy when the riverboat is licensed to operate within the  
12 unincorporated area of Jefferson Parish on the West Bank of the Mississippi River  
13 shall be calculated by the parish council and shall be six percent of the weekly net  
14 gaming proceeds of that riverboat. The first two hundred thousand dollars of these  
15 monies shall be allocated for and distributed to the West Bank Civic and Sports  
16 Center for operations of the center. Thereafter, the proceeds from the remainder of  
17 such fees shall be allocated as follows:

1 (a) Thirty-two percent to the parish governing authority of Jefferson Parish  
 2 which shall be expended solely within the unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish  
 3 on the West Bank of the Mississippi River or within any incorporated area on the  
 4 West Bank of the Mississippi River on any property, building, or facility owned by  
 5 Jefferson Parish for the purposes of providing emergency services, drainage, or flood  
 6 protection **or for providing repairs or rehabilitation of storm damaged**  
 7 **properties that are owned or operated by Jefferson Parish and are located**  
 8 **within any incorporated or unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish on the**  
 9 **West Bank of the Mississippi River.**

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11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 15 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ducharme.

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#### DIGEST

Present law provides that the admission fee which the local governing authority of the parish or municipality may levy when the riverboat is licensed to operate within the unincorporated area of Jefferson Parish on the West Bank of the Mississippi River shall be calculated by the parish council and shall be six percent of the weekly net gaming proceeds of that riverboat. The first \$200,000 of these monies shall be allocated for and distributed to the West Bank Civic and Sports Center for operations of the facility.

Present law provides that the remainder of such fees shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) Thirty-two percent to the parish governing authority of Jefferson Parish which shall be expended solely within the unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish on the West Bank of the Mississippi River on any property, building, or facility owned by Jefferson Parish for the purposes of providing emergency services, drainage, or flood protection.
- (2) Twenty-nine percent to the city of Gretna.
- (3) Twenty-nine percent to the city of Westwego.
- (4) Five percent to the town of Lafitte.
- (5) Five percent to the town of Grand Isle.

Proposed law expands the use of fees which are allocated to the parish governing authority to provide for repairs or rehabilitation of storm damaged properties that are owned or operated by Jefferson Parish and are located within any incorporated or unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish on the West Bank of the Mississippi River.

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

(Amends R.S. 27:93(A)(4)(a))