

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 188 By Senator Alario

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Deletes provision which 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, and adds a provision that instead authorizes a one-time expenditure not to exceed one million dollars to provide for construction, repairs, or rehabilitation of storm-damaged properties for the towns of Grand Isle and Lafitte.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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 that of this amount, a one time expenditure not to exceed one million dollars shall be authorized to provide for construction, repairs, or rehabilitation of storm-damaged properties for the towns of Grand Isle and Lafitte.

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

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

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