

1 I. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no riverboat gaming
 2 activities shall be conducted upon a riverboat berthed or docked at a facility on that
 3 portion of Lake Pontchartrain or any waterway connected thereto located within St.
 4 Tammany Parish. **However, if approved by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board**
 5 **and by a majority of the electors voting in the election on the ballot proposition**
 6 **as provided in R.S. 18:1300.25, riverboat gaming may be conducted in**
 7 **accordance with Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950**
 8 **on that portion of Lake Pontchartrain or any waterway connected thereto**
 9 **located in St. Tammany Parish at the location specified in the ballot proposition.**

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11 **§1300.25. St. Tammany Parish riverboat gaming authorization and relocation**
 12 **election; procedure; specific location**

13 **A. A referendum election, to the extent required by this Chapter and**
 14 **Article XII, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, shall be called in St.**
 15 **Tammany Parish at the election to be held on October 9, 2021, pursuant to R.S.**
 16 **18:402, or on a succeeding appropriate date selected by the parish governing**
 17 **authority and as provided by law, to consider the proposition of whether a**
 18 **holder of an existing riverboat gaming license shall be allowed to relocate to an**
 19 **approved berth or docking facility in St. Tammany Parish and conduct**
 20 **riverboat gaming operations along the portions of Lake Pontchartrain,**
 21 **specifically the waterways that are a part of the Lakeshore Marina located**
 22 **south and east of Interstate 10, Exit 261.**

23 **B. The proposition on the ballot shall be stated as follows: "Shall gaming**
 24 **operations and activities authorized by the Louisiana Riverboat Economic**
 25 **Development and Gaming Control Act be authorized in St. Tammany Parish**
 26 **at a site along those certain waterways in St. Tammany Parish along portions**
 27 **of Lake Pontchartrain that are part of the Lakeshore Marina located south and**
 28 **east of Interstate 10, Exit 261, and shall Louisiana Riverboat Gaming**
 29 **Partnership, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peninsula Pacific Entertainment**

1 of riverboat gaming licenses authorized by R.S. 27:65(A). Also, other than, subject to voter
 2 approval, a portion of Lake Pontchartrain in St. Tammany Parish becoming a "designated
 3 river or waterway" and an acceptable berthing or docking site for purposes of the law, the
 4 provisions of this Act shall not be construed to expand riverboat gaming activity or
 5 operations in Louisiana beyond that authorized by the provisions of the Louisiana Gaming
 6 Control Law.

7 Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to limit or in any way
 8 affect the authority of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to license and regulate riverboat
 9 gaming activity and operations.

10 Section 5. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 14 effective on the day following such approval.

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

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits riverboat gaming activities being conducted upon a riverboat berthed or docked at a facility on that portion of Lake Pontchartrain or any waterway connected thereto located within St. Tammany Parish.

Proposed law adds an exception to present law to provide that if both the Louisiana Gaming Control Board approves and a majority of the electors in St. Tammany Parish vote to approve a ballot proposition authorizing such, riverboat gaming may be conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act on that portion of Lake Pontchartrain or any waterway connected thereto located in St. Tammany Parish at the location specified in the ballot proposition.

Proposed law calls a referendum election in St. Tammany Parish to be held at the election scheduled for October 9, 2021, or on a succeeding appropriate date selected by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law provides for the proposition on the ballot to read: "Shall gaming operations and activities authorized by the Louisiana Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act be authorized in St. Tammany Parish at a site along those certain waterways in St. Tammany Parish along portions of Lake Pontchartrain that are part of the Lakeshore Marina located south and east of Interstate 10, Exit 261, and shall Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peninsula Pacific Entertainment LLC and a current and existing riverboat gaming license holder be authorized to relocate from its current location to the location in St. Tammany Parish described above, and to thereon

develop a gaming, hotel, and resort operation all in accordance with the Louisiana Gaming Control Law, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, the Louisiana Election Code, and other relevant constitutional and statutory authority?"

Proposed law provides that if the board approves the new berth or docking facility and a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposition, the licensee may relocate operations to the approved berth or docking facility in St. Tammany Parish on that portion of Lake Pontchartrain, specifically the waterways that are a part of the Lakeshore Marina located south and east of Interstate 10, Exit 261.

Proposed law provides that the licensee shall remain subject to the regulatory authority of the board and present law.

Proposed law requires the election to be conducted pursuant to the La. Election Code, including the provisions providing for the responsibility of the parish governing authority to provide notice to the public.

Present law authorizes the conducting of gaming activities on a riverboat while on designated rivers or waterways.

Proposed law adds the portion of Lake Pontchartrain, specifically the waterways that are a part of the Lakeshore Marina located south and east of Interstate 10, Exit 261 in St. Tammany Parish to the designated rivers and waterways upon which gaming activities may be conducted and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the addition of a designated river or waterway is contingent upon approval of the voters in a referendum election held in any parish which borders the proposed river's or waterway's banks.

Proposed law retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:1300.21(I) and R.S. 27:43(B)(1) and 93(A)(1); adds R.S. 18:1300.25)