

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 424

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMT: Provides relative to alcoholic beverage permits

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 26:583.1, relative to alcoholic beverage permits; to provide for limitations on  
3 the issuance of Class B and C alcohol permits; to require a local option election for  
4 the authorization of the issuance of permits in certain annexed areas; to limit the  
5 application of law to certain alcohol permits; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 26:583.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §583.1. Effect of merger; local option election; Class B and C permits

9 A. When territory in which the sale of alcoholic beverages was prohibited by  
10 local option election is annexed into a municipality permitting such sales, a permit  
11 for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption shall not be issued  
12 for any premises located within such annexed territory unless authorized by local  
13 option election conducted in the ward or election district in which the premises were  
14 located prior to annexation.

15 B. This Section shall apply only to Class B and Class C retail permits.

16 C. Nothing in this Section shall invalidate any permit issued prior to the  
17 effective date of this Section.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to package House-Class B and Package store Class C alcohol permits.

Present law (R.S. 26:583) provides that when a portion of a ward, election district, or municipality is annexed or made a part of another ward, election district, municipality, or city-parish government, the portion annexed or made a part of is required to take on the legal sales characteristics of the ward, election district, municipality, or city-parish government to which it is annexed or made a part of.

Present law provisions apply to any election previously called or any other local option law and to any territory covered by such election which has subsequently been merged with another ward, election district, incorporated municipality, or portion thereof or whose boundary has been changed.

Present law provides that it is the intention of the legislature that the sale of beverages be permitted or prohibited only in an entire ward, election district, or incorporated municipality and not in any portion thereof.

Present law exempts package house permits from the provisions of present law that require the annexed ward, election district, municipality, or city-parish government to take on the legal sales characteristics to which it is annexed or made a part of.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that if an annexed area prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages, an alcohol permit cannot be issued unless a local option election is held to approve the sale of alcohol in the annexed area.

Proposed law applies only to Class B and C permits.

Proposed law does not invalidate permits issued prior to the passage of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 26:583.1)