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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)