
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Bill No. 357 by Representative Magee

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 8 in their entirety and insert the following:

"To enact R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K), R.S. 18:1300.24, and R.S. 27:15.1, relative to sports wagering; to provide for a proposition election to determine whether sports wagering activities and operations will be permitted in a parish; to provide for regulatory authority with the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide relative to exceptions to crimes of gambling and gambling by computer; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 21 in their entirety, delete pages 2 and 3 in their entirety, and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 18:1300.24 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1300.24. Election on sports wagering

A.(1) At the statewide election occurring on November 3, 2020, a proposition shall appear on the ballot in every parish to determine whether sports wagering activities and operations shall be permitted in the parish.

(2) The ballot for the election shall state as follows:

"PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES.

Shall sports wagering activities and operations be permitted in the parish of

?YES () NO ()"

B. The voters shall vote for or against the proposition. A vote for the proposition being a "YES" vote, and a vote against the proposition being a "NO" vote.

C.(1) If a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the proposition vote for the proposition, then sports wagering activities and operations shall be permitted in such parish only after state laws providing for the licensing, regulation, and taxation of such activity and operations are enacted and become effective.

(2) If a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the proposition vote against the proposition, then sports wagering activities and operations shall not be permitted in the parish.

D. The secretary of state shall prepare the ballot for the election as set forth in the provisions of this Section.

E. Except as otherwise provided by this Section, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code.

Section 2. R.S. 27:15.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§15.1. Sports wagering

A. In the event of the legalization of sports wagering in any parish as a result of the proposition election held on November 3, 2020, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board shall have all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of sports wagering activities and operations, except as otherwise specified in this Title.

B. For purposes of this Section, "sports wagering" shall be defined as the business of accepting wagers on any sports event or sports contest by any system or method of wagering."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 3

2 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 17 in their entirety

3 AMENDMENT NO. 4

4 On page 4, delete line 21 in its entirety and insert the following:

5 "E. Participation in sports wagering as"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 5

7 On page 4, line 22, change "R.S. 27:602" to "R.S. 27:15.1"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 6

9 On page 4, delete line 27 in its entirety and insert the following:

10 "K. Participation in sports wagering as"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 7

12 On page 4, line 28, change "R.S. 27:602" to "R.S. 27: 15.1"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 8

14 Delete page 5 in its entirety and insert the following:

15 "Section 4. R.S. 18:1300.24 shall be considered a special law for purposes
16 of Louisiana Constitution Article XII, Section 6(C)(4).

17 Section 5. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2021, if in
18 the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020, a majority of the qualified
19 electors in at least one parish in the state vote to approve the proposition to permit
20 sports wagering in such parish. However, sports wagering shall not be authorized by
21 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in such parish until state laws providing for the
22 licensing, regulation, and taxation of sports wagering activities and operations are
23 enacted and become effective.

24 Section 6. Section 3 of this Act shall become effective upon the enactment
25 of laws relative to the licensing, regulation, and taxation of revenue relative to sports
26 wagering.

27 Section 7. This Section and Sections 1, 4, 5, and 6 shall become effective
28 June 10, 2020."

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.