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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to a specific game of chance known as box pools.

Present law (R.S. 4:706) provides that the governing authority of each municipality and of each parish shall decide whether to permit charitable raffles, bingo, and keno within its jurisdiction.

Present law provides that a local governing authority that elects to license and regulate charitable raffles, bingo, and keno within its jurisdiction may adopt rules, regulations, and ordinances for charitable organizations to hold and operate games of chance and to enforce any local provisions regarding said games of chance.

Proposed law amends present law to include box pools and provides that if box pools are permitted, they shall be subject to the approval of the governing authority of the municipality or parish on an annual basis.

Present law (R.S. 4:707(A)) provides that the office of charitable gaming may, consistent with the provisions of present law, license charitable organizations to hold and operate the following specific games of chance:

- (1) Raffles.
- (2) Bingo or keno.
- (3) Pull-tabs.
- (4) Electronic video bingo.
- (5) Fund-raising events generally known as "Las Vegas Nights" or "Casino Nights" as provided in present law and as defined by rules of the office.

Proposed law adds to this list the game of chance commonly known as box pools or squares played for prizes where a person is assigned a number on the rows and columns of a 10-by-10 grid to represent the last digit of each team's score, and the prize being won by a person who matches the last number of each team's score at the end of each quarter, inning, or period.

Present law (R.S. 4:707(F)) provides for a listing of entities that are exempt from the licensing and reporting procedures enumerated in present law (R.S. 4:708-716).

Proposed law amends present law to include a charitable organization that conducts box pools as defined in proposed law in any municipality or parish of which the governing authority has decided to permit box pools within its limits, provided the municipality or parish finds, upon such application, that the charitable organization is conducting such box pool for the purpose of providing support to community improvement projects and charitable purposes.

(Amends R.S. 4:706(A), (B), and (C)(1); Adds R.S. 4:707(A)(6) and (F)(5))