Cox HB No. 578

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Authorizes the city of Mansfield to conduct local option elections regarding the sale of alcohol in restaurants

DIGEST

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the governing authority for the city of Mansfield may submit to the voters in any election properly held a proposition that would determine whether or not the business of selling alcoholic beverages in a restaurant may be conducted and licensed only within the incorporated limits of the municipality.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for definitions including requirements to qualify as a "restaurant" for purposes of being licensed.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the language of the proposition to be voted on and provides that a majority vote cast on the proposition by the residents of the municipality shall determine the issue.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that application procedures, qualifications, and all licensing and permit requirements for a restaurant "R" permit shall apply.

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

(Adds R.S. 26:600)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the reengrossed bill</u>

1. Makes changes to the requirement to qualify as a restaurant from a specification of five hundred square feet to a cross-reference to general statutes (R.S.27:73 and 272).