

SENATE BILL NO. 130

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AN ACT

To enact 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 require the enactment and effectiveness of laws on licensing, regulation, and taxation of sports wagering activities before such activities are permitted; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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.

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

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

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

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

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

14 §15.1. Sports Wagering

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

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

25 Section 3. R.S. 18:1300.24 shall be considered a special law for purposes of
26 Louisiana Constitution Article XII, Section 6(C)(4).

27 Section 4. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2021, if in the
28 statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020, a majority of the qualified electors in
29 at least one parish in the state vote to approve the proposition to permit sports wagering in
30 such parish. However, sports wagering shall not be authorized by the Louisiana Gaming

1 Control Board in such parish until state laws providing for the licensing, regulation, and
2 taxation of sports wagering activities and operations are enacted and become effective.

3 Section 5. Sections 1, 3, 4 and this Section shall become effective June 10, 2020.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____