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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Gaming (Margolis) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 1794 - 1851

and insert:

551.0221 Elections for ratification of permits.-

(1) After the department issues a permit to a permitholder, the permit is not effective until approved by a majority of electors voting in a countywide referendum in the county for which the permit was issued. The permitholder must present to the board of county commissioners, at a regular or special meeting of the board, a certified copy of the permit issued by



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12 the department and a written application requesting that the
13 issue be placed on the ballot. After such presentation, the
14 board of county commissioners shall place on the next general
15 election ballot the question of whether the permit shall be
16 approved and a license issued and race or game meetings allowed
17 in the county by the permitholder. The board of county
18 commissioners may not place such question on the next general
19 election ballot if the permitholder's presentation to the board
20 of county commissioners occurs less than 90 days before the next
21 general election. Each permit for a track or fronton must be
22 voted upon separately and in separate elections.

23 (2) The supervisor of elections shall canvass the votes
24 cast on the question submitted to the electors and report the
25 results to the board of county commissioners. The board of
26 county commissioners shall immediately certify the results of
27 the election to the department.

28 (3) If the permitholder does not apply to the board of
29 county commissioners within 6 months after the permit is issued,
30 the permit is void. The department shall cancel the permit
31 without notice to the permitholder, and the board of county
32 commissioners holding the deposit for the election shall refund
33 the deposit to the permitholder upon being notified by the
34 department that the permit is void and has been canceled.