

ASSEMBLY, No. 4193

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SYNOPSIS

Adjusts municipal ballot question for amusement games for future elections.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT adjusting the municipal ballot question for amusement
2 games and amending P.L.1959, c.109.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 17 of P.L.1959, c.109 (C.5:8-116) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 17. Upon a petition signed by qualified voters of any
10 municipality equal in number to at least **[15%]** 15 percent of the
11 total number of votes cast therein at the latest preceding general
12 election for members of the General Assembly and filed with the
13 clerk of the municipality at least 60 days before such election, the
14 governing body of the municipality shall provide for the submission
15 to the legal voters of the municipality at such general election, the
16 question of whether this act shall become operative or cease to be
17 operative in such municipality, as the case may be. If, upon such
18 submission of the question, the majority of all the valid votes cast
19 on the question shall be in favor of having this act inoperative in the
20 municipality, then this act shall, 60 days thereafter, become
21 inoperative in the municipality. The question shall be deemed to be
22 a public question and shall be submitted to the voters as in the case
23 of other public questions. The question shall be stated as follows:

24 Shall the act entitled "An act authorizing the
25 conducting, operating and playing of certain amusement
26 Yes. games, whether of chance or skill, or both, where the
27 prizes or awards to be given shall be of merchandise
28 only, of a **[retail]** value **[not in excess of \$15.00,]** to be
29 determined by the Amusement Games Control
30 Commissioner and
31 the charge for the privilege of playing shall **[not**
32 **exceed \$0.25]** be determined by the commissioner;
33 providing for the licensing, regulation
34 and control by **[a]** the commissioner, of the conducting
35 and

36 operating of such games; providing restrictions as to
37 No. the places where such games may be conducted and
38 operated; providing that certain playing for money
39 or other valuable things is not authorized; providing
40 for the operation and inoperation of the act in any
41 municipality when so determined by referendum vote
42 therein; and providing for the submission of this act
43 to the legal voters of the State for their approval
44 or rejection before the same shall become operative
45 within this State," become
46 (insert operative or inoperative) in this municipality?

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 In the blank space set forth in the above box, the word
2 "operative" or "inoperative" shall be inserted in the question when
3 it is submitted to the voters of the municipality according to
4 whether this act became operative by reason of the vote on the
5 question submitted to all the voters of the State as to whether this
6 act should become operative. If a majority of the voters in the
7 municipality who voted on the said general public question was in
8 the affirmative and, thereby, under the provisions of this act,
9 municipal licenses are authorized, then the word "inoperative"
10 should be included in the above blank space, but if this act does not
11 become operative in the municipality because a majority of the
12 votes cast therein on the general public question was in the
13 negative, then the word "operative" should be inserted in the
14 above-mentioned blank space. If this act shall have become
15 operative in any municipality by reason of a referendum vote
16 therein, as herein provided, and a further referendum is authorized
17 to determine the question of whether this act shall become
18 inoperative notwithstanding such previous approval by the voters,
19 then the word "inoperative" should be inserted in the above blank
20 space.

21 (cf: P.L.1975, c.389, s.5)

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23 2. Section 19 of P.L.1959, c.109 (C.5:8-118) is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 19. There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at
26 such election the following:

27 If you favor making the act entitled below operative within the
28 State, and operative within this municipality, make a cross X, plus +
29 or check / in the square opposite the word "Yes."

30 If you are opposed to making the act entitled below so operative,
31 make a cross X, plus + or check / in the square opposite the word
32 "No."

33 Shall the act entitled "An act authorizing the
34 conducting, operating and playing of certain amusement
35 Yes. games, whether of chance or skill, or both, where the
36 prizes or awards to be given shall be of merchandise
37 only, of a **【retail】** value **【not in excess of \$15.00】** to be
38 determined by the Amusement Games Control
39 Commissioner, and
40 the charge for the privilege of playing shall **【not**
41 **exceed \$0.25】** be determined by the commissioner;
42 providing for the licensing, regulation
43 and control by **【a】** the commissioner, of the conducting
44 and
45 operating of such games; providing restrictions as
46 to the places where such games may be conducted and
47 operated; providing that certain playing for money or
48 No. other valuable things is not authorized; providing

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1 for the operation and inoperation of the act in any
2 municipality when so determined by referendum vote
3 therein; and providing for the submission of this act
4 to the legal voters of the State for their approval
5 or rejection before the same shall become operative
6 within this State," become operative within this State?
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8 The date of the approval or passage of this act, as the case may
9 be, shall be inserted in the appropriate place after the title.

10 In any election district in which voting machines are used the
11 question shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used upon the
12 voting machines with the foregoing instructions to the voters but
13 with instructions to vote "Yes" or "No" by the use of such
14 machines and without marking as aforesaid.
15 (cf: P.L.1959, c.109, s.19)
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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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20 STATEMENT
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22 This bill adjusts the municipal ballot question for allowing
23 games of amusement within a municipality to match the current title
24 of the law as amended in P.L.1981, c.291.

25 The bill would only apply to future ballot questions and would
26 not change the law of any municipality that had already adopted the
27 "Amusement Games Licensing Law."