

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE BILL NO. 878

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND

GAMING/REVENUE: Provides relative to the execution of the casino support services contracts and requires legislative appropriation to fully fund the contract

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:247, relative to the casino support services contract; to
3 provide for the execution of such contract; to require legislative appropriation to
4 fully fund the contract; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:247 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §247. Casino support services contract

9 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, the gaming
10 control board shall enter into a casino support services contract with the governing
11 authority of the parish where the official gaming establishment is located in order to
12 compensate the parish on a quarterly basis for the cost to the parish for providing
13 support services resulting from the operation of the official gaming establishment
14 and the activities therein. Support services as used in this Section shall include but
15 not be limited to fire, police, sanitation, health, transportation, and traffic services.
16 The amount of the contract shall be determined by negotiation and agreement
17 between the gaming control board and the parish, ~~subject to approval by the Joint~~
18 ~~Legislative Committee on the Budget~~. In the event that a new contract is not agreed
19 upon by the gaming control board and the parish by March thirty-first of any year,
20 the contract currently in effect shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee

1 ~~on the Budget for approval of the amount of the contract at the next meeting of the~~
 2 ~~committee. If the committee approves the amount of the contract, the contract shall~~
 3 ~~remain in full force and effect. If the committee disapproves or does not act upon~~
 4 ~~the amount of the contract, the contract shall be null, void, and of no effect most~~
 5 ~~recently approved contract shall remain in full force and effect. The Louisiana~~
 6 ~~Legislature shall make an annual appropriation for the full amount of compensation~~
 7 ~~negotiated in the contract.~~

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 12 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Richmond

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Abstract: Relative to the casino support services contract, deletes requirement that the amount of the contract be subject to approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and requires the legislature to make an annual appropriation for the full amount of the contract.

Present law provides that the gaming control board and the governing authority enter into a casino support services contract to compensate the governing authority for cost of services resulting from the operation of the land-based casino. The amount of the contract is subject to approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (the Budget Committee).

Proposed law deletes the requirement for approval of the amount of the contract by the Budget Committee.

Present law further provides that if a new contract is not agreed upon by March 31st of any year, the current contract shall be submitted to the Budget Committee for approval of the amount of the contract at its next meeting. If the committee approves the amount, the current contract shall continue in force. If the committee disapproves the amount, the contract is null.

Present law provides that any payment required by the approval of the amount of the contract shall be subject to appropriation by the legislature.

Proposed law deletes the provisions making the contract continuation contingent on Budget Committee approval. Proposed law further requires the legislature to annually approve the full amount of the contract.

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

(Amends R.S. 27:247)