

**Popular Name**

"A Constitutional Amendment to Repeal the Authorization for Casinos and Casino Gaming in Pope County, Arkansas"

**Ballot Title**

"An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 4, subsections (i) through (n), repealing the authorization for casinos and casino gaming in Pope County, Arkansas, and repealing the authority of the Arkansas Racing Commission to issue a casino license for a casino in Pope County, Arkansas; making this Amendment effective on and after November 18, 2022; providing that the provisions of this Amendment are severable in that if any provision or section of this Amendment or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Amendment."

**Full Text of the Proposed Measure**

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Arkansas:

**SECTION 1. Repeal of Authorization for Casinos and Casino Gaming in Pope County.**

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 4, subsections (i) - (n), are amended to read as follows, with stricken language to be deleted from Amendment 100 and underlined language to be added to Amendment 100:

- (i) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall issue ~~four~~ three casino licenses.
- (j) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall issue a casino license, as provided in this Amendment, to a Franchise holder located in Crittenden County, there being only one, to conduct casino gaming at a casino to be located at or adjacent to the Franchise holder's greyhound racing track and gaming facility as of December 31, 2017 in Crittenden County. The Arkansas Racing Commission shall also issue a casino license, as provided in this Amendment, to a Franchise holder located in Garland County, there being only one, to conduct casino gaming at a casino to be located at or adjacent to the Franchise holder's horse racing track and gaming facility as of December 31, 2017 in Garland County. Casino licenses to be issued to Franchise holders shall be issued upon:
  - (1) Adoption by the Arkansas Racing Commission of rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this Amendment; and
  - (2) Initial laws and appropriations required by this Amendment being in full force and effect.
- (k) ~~The Arkansas Racing Commission shall award a casino license to a casino applicant for a casino to be located in Pope County within two miles of the city limits of the county seat.~~ The Arkansas Racing Commission shall also award a casino license to a casino applicant for a casino to be located in Jefferson County within two miles of the city limits of the county seat.
- (l) Casino licensees are required to conduct casino gaming for as long as they have a license.
- (m) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall require all casino applicants for a casino license in ~~Pope County and Jefferson County~~ to demonstrate experience conducting casino gaming.
- (n) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall require all casino applicants for a casino license in ~~Pope County and Jefferson County~~ to submit either a letter of support from the county judge or a resolution from the quorum court in the county where the proposed casino is to be located Jefferson County and, if the proposed casino is to be located within a city or town, shall also require all casino applicants to include a letter of support from the mayor in the city or town where the applicant is proposing the casino to be located.

**SECTION 2. Severability.**

If any provision or section of this Amendment or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or application of the Amendment that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Amendment are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 3. Repeal of Conflicting Laws.**

By adoption of this Amendment, all Arkansas laws or parts of Arkansas laws in conflict with this Amendment are repealed.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This amendment shall be effective on and after November 18, 2022.

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