

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 185

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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW RESULTING FROM THE ARKANSAS CASINO GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018, ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 100, REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASINO LICENSE APPLICANT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO CLARIFY THE LAW RESULTING FROM THE ARKANSAS CASINO GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018, ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 100, REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASINO LICENSE APPLICANT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds it necessary to fulfill the purpose of The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, by providing clarity regarding the letter of support required for a casino applicant in order for a county or city official to fulfill his or her responsibility to represent the desire of the citizens within the affected city and county.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 23 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:



CHAPTER 117 CASINO GAMING

23-117-101. Letter of support for casino applicant.

(a) Pursuant to The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, the Arkansas Racing Commission shall require a casino applicant for a casino license in Pope County and Jefferson County to submit:

(1) 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; and

(2) If the proposed casino is to be located within a city or town, a letter of support from the mayor in the city or town where the proposed casino is to be located.

(b) A letter of support from the county judge or a resolution of support from the quorum court, and from the mayor, if appropriate, required under subsection (a) of this section shall be dated and signed by the county judge, quorum court, or mayor holding office at the time of the submission of an application for a casino license.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that delay in clarifying requirements for a letter of support required for a casino applicant impedes the ability of a county official or mayor to determine the desire for and necessity of a casino operation in the city or county. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

*/s/B. Davis*