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H.B. No. 4416

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Texas Gaming Commission to regulate games of chance or other gaming activities at specific locations including dog or horse tracks, destination resort casinos, or on Indian tribal lands.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 470 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 470. TEXAS GAMING COMMISSION.

Sec. 470.001. COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION. The Texas Gaming Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor who each serve a term of two years. Five members serve terms that expire February 15 of each odd numbered year and four members serve terms that expire February 15 of each even numbered year. The governor shall designate one member a presiding officer of the commission.

Sec. 470.002. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; STAFF. The commission may employ an executive director and other staff as necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter.

Sec. 470.003. POWERS OF COMMISSION. The commission shall provide for the licensing of persons to conduct games of chance or any other gaming activity, including slot machines, at a specified location, including a dog or horse race track, a destination resort casino, Indian tribal land, or any other location determined

1 appropriate by the commission.

2 Sec. 470.004. LOCAL OPTION ELECTION. The commission may  
3 condition a license under this chapter for a location on the  
4 approval of the gaming activity at an election held in a defined  
5 area that contains the location.

6 Sec. 470.005. DEDICATION OF REVENUES. From the revenue the  
7 state receives from the operation of a location licensed under this  
8 chapter:

9 (1) one-quarter is dedicated to public education;  
10 (2) one-quarter is dedicated to transportation; and  
11 (3) the remainder shall be deposited to the credit of  
12 the general revenue fund.

13 Sec. 470.006. RULES. The commission may adopt rules as  
14 necessary to implement this chapter.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2009, but only  
16 if the constitutional amendment adding Section 47a, Article III,  
17 Texas Constitution, authorizing and regulating games of chance or  
18 other gaming activities at specific locations is approved by the  
19 voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act  
20 has no effect.