

Amend CSHB 2271 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Article 6, Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 6.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.011. LOCAL OPTION ELECTION FOR NEW RACETRACK LICENSE. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the commission may not issue an original racetrack license under this Act after September 1, 2011, unless the issuance of the racetrack license is approved at a local option election in the political subdivision in which the racetrack will be located.

(b) A racetrack license subject to this section is approved at a local option election if 60 percent or more of the qualified voters voting in the election approve issuance of the license.

(c) To the extent practicable, an election under this section shall be conducted in the manner provided by Chapter 501, Election Code, for a local option election on the sale of alcoholic beverages, except that the governing body of the political subdivision shall order the election on written notice from the commission that the commission is considering an application for a license for a racetrack in the political subdivision.

(d) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section.