

74-8743. Electronic gaming machines at parimutuel racing facilities; county election required; waiver. (a) The board of county commissioners of each county where there is a parimutuel licensee location by resolution shall submit to the qualified voters of the county a proposition to permit the placement of electronic gaming machines in the county as provided in this section. The proposition shall be submitted to the voters at a special election called by the board of county commissioners for that purpose and held not more than 180 days after the effective date of this act.

(b) Upon the adoption of a resolution calling for an election pursuant to this section, the county election officer shall cause the following proposition to be placed on the ballot at the election called for that purpose: "Shall the Kansas Lottery be authorized to place electronic gaming machines in _____ county?"

(c) If a majority of the votes cast and counted at such election is in favor of approving the placement of electronic gaming machines in the county, the Kansas lottery may place and operate electronic gaming machines at a parimutuel licensee location in the county, subject to the provisions of this act. If a majority of the votes cast and counted at an election under this section is against permitting placement of electronic gaming machines in the county, the Kansas lottery shall not place or operate electronic gaming machines at a parimutuel licensee location in the county. The county election officer shall transmit a copy of the certification of the results of the election to the executive director.

(d) The election provided for by this section shall be conducted, and the votes counted and canvassed, in the manner provided by law for question submitted elections of the county.

(e) The lottery commission may waive the requirement that an election be held pursuant to this section if the lottery commission determines that after December 31, 2004, and before the effective date of this act, the county has held an election of qualified voters pursuant to the county's home rule authority: (1) At which the ballot question was in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section; (2) which was administered by the county election officer in a manner consistent with the requirements of state election law; and (3) at which a majority of the votes cast and counted was in favor of the proposition.

(f) The question of the placement of electronic gaming machines in a county may be submitted at the same election as the question of operation of a lottery gaming facility in the county under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-8737, and amendments thereto.

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